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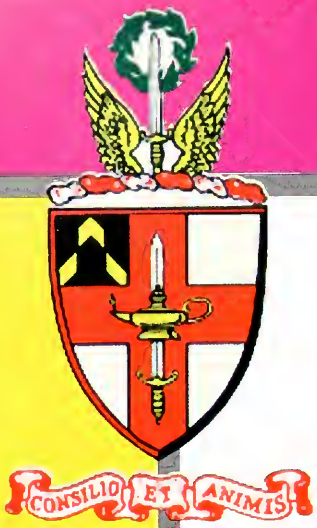
HONOR

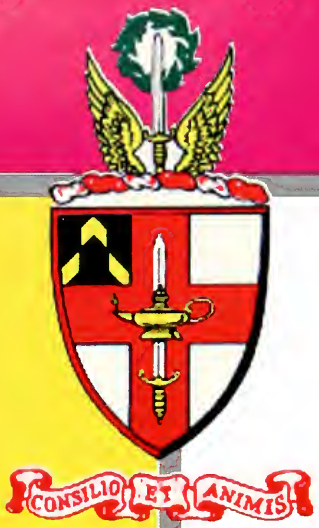


For one hundred and sixty years, honor has remained as every cadet's most jealously guarded possession. It embodies the qualities and ideals that VMI instills in each of its members. Honor is ethics, honesty, and personal integrity. It requires the tools that the Institute provides us: Discipline, Responsibility, Courage, Goodwill, and Moral Fortitude. Honor is prevalent in all aspects of the Institute and is never separated from any activity or conversation. Honor is the foundation of the Institute and without it VMI would not exist.

Upon arrival to the Institute, each member of the Corp is made aware of the important role honor plays not only in life at VMI, but life beyond limit's gates. All new cadets soon learn that barracks is a world that requires complete honesty of all who live in it. The Honor Code, which we immediately commit to memory, states simply that, "A Cadet Does Not Lie, Cheat, Steal, Nor Tolerate Those Who Do." We are constantly reminded of it, as we observe the Honor sheets present in every room on post. No cadet is exempted from living by it and The Code knows no rank or class and treats all cadets equally with its demanding requirements. As cadets of the Virginia Military Institute, we are held to a standard of Honor that few of our peers could even begin to comprehend. We constantly hear the stories from students elsewhere of dishonest conduct that we would never consider engaging in. We know what is right and what is demanded of us, and we embrace our honor and what it stands for.

Every cadet is expected to live by the Honor Code during their stay at VMI. Yet the principles and lessons of Honor learned during our cadetship remain in our hearts for life. Our Honor pervades all conversations and all situations even after we leave the walls of barracks. We live by the code because we believe in it and we know it defines each and every one of us.

COURAGE



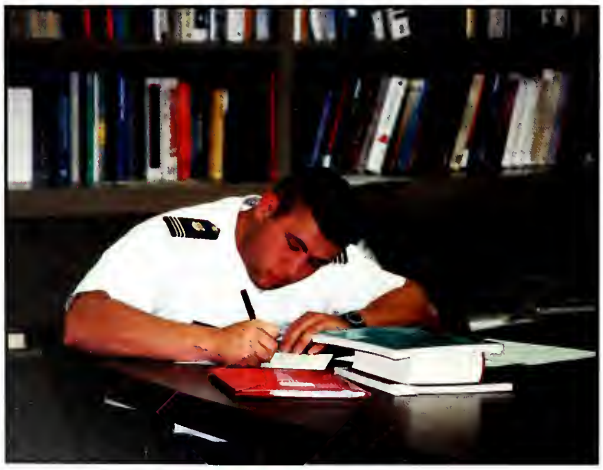
I am the barest essential and most basic element of each individual man. I taught mankind to question God, tear down established institutions, and find truth and meaning to an unexplainable existence. My name is engraved in the foundations of new nations and institutions, whose works are made great in adherence to my call. I separate the specific from the general, the individual from the group. My power is limitless in use, yet devestative in its neglect. I originate from truth and lead those who use me to paths of wisdom. I am the lesson taught from the martyr made; the crowning moment in battle and the everlasting memory during peace. My call has been answered and the example set. My cause penetrates the soul of mankind, whose deeds are felt throughout the span of time, making them and me one in the same.

Written by
Jon Paris

COMMITMENT

I remember once a few years ago when a relative asked, "just what is VMI?" A tactful answer would have been that VMI is a synonym for tradition, honor, and excellence. However, such an answer falls short of even breaking the surface. In order to understand the Virginia Military Institute, we must delve deeper than a standard statement of political correctness praising the ground upon which we once tread. As members of the corps, we must break the surface and bring to light just what constitutes these barracks walls.

It is our duty, if outsiders are to even begin to understand our institute, to boast at the top of our lungs about VMI. This is not an easy task, for those who have not gone through the rat line can never truly understand what it means; all we can do is try to offer an insider's look. The question should not be why we came, but why we stay. What is it about this small southern Virginia college that taps into our souls, compelling us to return each fall for another year of demerits, confinement and penalty tours? It seems there is this unseen force creating an inescapable gravitational pull that draws us back each year. An outsider can not begin to fathom why cadets remain at such a place when throughout the stoops at any given time a cadet can be heard yelling in frustration, "I hate this place." It would seem quite normal to just quit, to just pack up and leave for Virginia Tech or JMU. We are here because deep inside we want to be, no matter how much we may say we do not.



The relationships and bonds between members of the corps go far beyond those of any other college on earth. To say you have a friend at VMI and to say you have a friend at Radford are two entirely different things, sharing stories, or sitting up through all hours of the night griping and joking about the 10-2-20 you just received.

You know you belong to peculiar kinship, this is why we stay. We have our own language, our own culture here at the Institute. It is the little things that make us special. It is the one gigantic fraternity that captures our spirit and forever holds it hostage. We are not victims, just the opposite. We are in fact, benefactors of a certain way of life that jettisons of the charts when compared to other institutions of higher learning.

At times it seems as if it is rankers against privates, that us against them cynical mentality. But in actuality, this tension acts as a drug, and we are always looking for another fix. We are addicted to the right to taunt and poke fun at super locked and cocked robots as well as to correct the slightly lewd hang of the private's belt. We are swallowed up by the notion of being a small piece of culture that, at times, seems on the brink of lunacy. This taste of craziness makes us go back for a second helping. When we are here we wish we were not, and when we are away we wish we were here.

We are brothers. We have all gone through the trials and tribulations of the rat line, a surrealistic life unlike that of any other campus. It does not end after the ratline. There are still three more years to go, three more years of celebrating the puerile innocence of our youth by goofing-off during CTT practice parades and listening to 1st classmen vent frustration because they too had to march. This list of our idiosyncracies goes on and on, and we would not trade these for anything in the world. We know after graduation, after all is said and done, that this list will remain as fresh in our minds as it did in the beginning. So to all those outsiders, the non-VMI men and women reading this passage, here is the answer to your question, what is VMI? It is the memories, it is the friendships, and it is all the things not fit to print that make VMI us and us VMI.

Written by
Tony Gagliardi

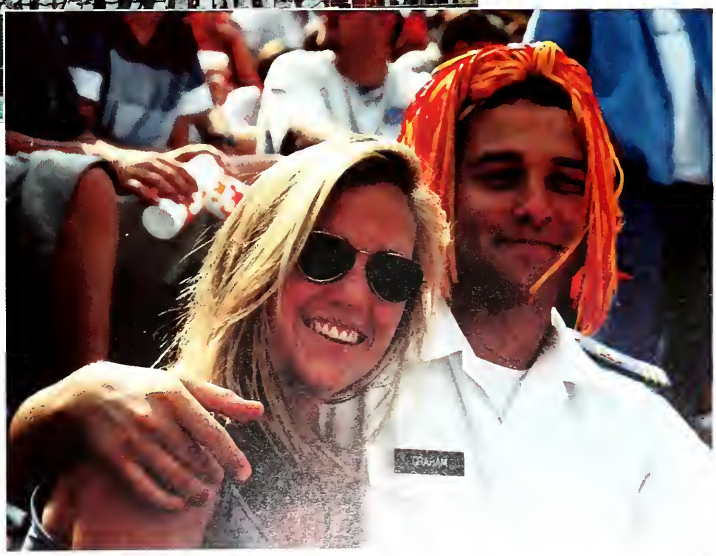
"Reasonable orders are easy enough to obey; it is capricious, bureaucratic, or plain idiotic demands that form the habit of discipline."

-Barbara Tuchman

ABOVE AND BEYOND

FACES IN THE CROWD

MEMORIAL FIELD



17 August, 1998

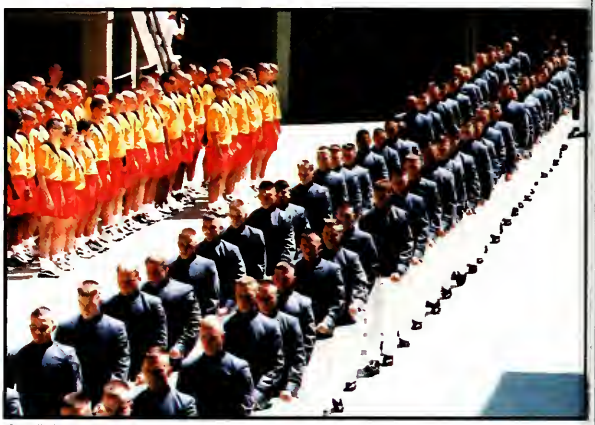
The Seventeenth of August was a usual bright sunny day in Lexington, hot and humid with clouds hanging above the Institute. Perhaps it was a sign of what was to come in the lives of the new matriculants. Approximately four hundred and fifty young boys and girls with different ethnic and cultural backgrounds were about to embark on a long and strenuous journey. Some of them never realized that once they signed the matriculation book, they signed their hearts and souls to the Virginia Military Institute. All the while Cadre, highly professional cadets responsible for the instruction of rats, bit their lips in anticipation.

The S-5 staff escorted the would-be rats to the new courtyard. Some of them were ready and waiting for what was to come; others had no idea. From the point they met their cadre, their lives for the next several months would be consumed by physical, mental, and emotional stress.

As the cadre introduced themselves to the new matriculants, they began to face the painful experience of the ratline. There was screaming and yelling. Everything seemed to erupt at once as the world around them fell to pieces. They were stripped of their former identities and transformed from matriculants into rats.

In the ratline, they learned to keep their uniforms and appearance perfect, and carry themselves with proper military bearing. Words such as " Rat" and "Brother Rat" became common in their speech, but took on meaning as well. Every one of the four hundred plus that remained were considered equal. The system of the Virginia Military Institute produced casualties, those who could not withstand the rigors of the ratline. Those who stayed realized that no other system in the world is able to mold young men and women into tough, well developed and disciplined citizen soldiers like VMI.

Written by
Stan Midy



Smell the fear as cadre marches in!

Does he know what he's doing?

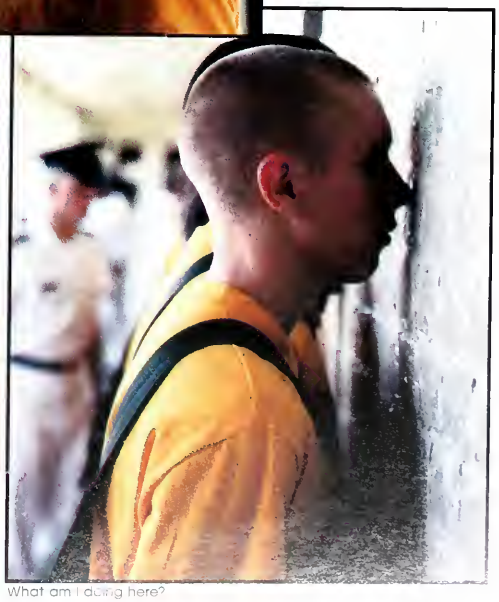
Left? Right?

"Mr. Britt, President!, Mr. Overby..."

We're going to have a lot of good times together.

Meet your Master Sergeant!

Rats prepare to go to the QMD.



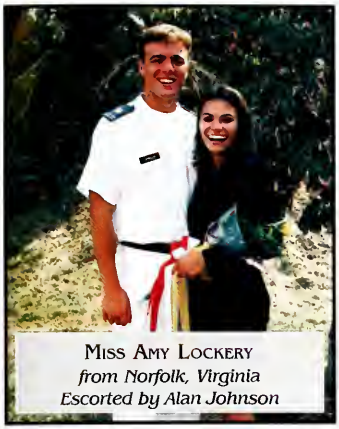
What am I doing here?

CORPS TRIP

HOMECOMING 1998

MISS KATHRINE STEWART
ESCORTED BY COREY KEARSE

The 1998 Homecoming Queen is Miss Kathrine Stewart of Birmingham, Alabama. Miss Stewart is a student at Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia.

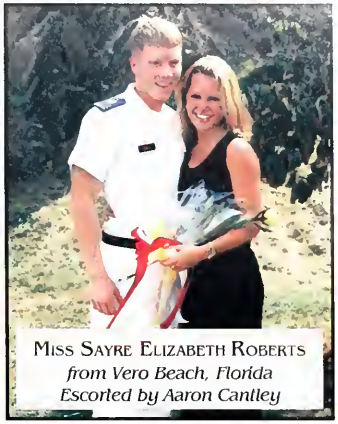


Miss Amy Lockery
from Norfolk, Virginia
Escorted by Alan Johnson

Alpha Company

Miss Jennifer Leigh Johnson
from Chesterfield, Virginia
Escorted by Ben Bradford

Bravo Company

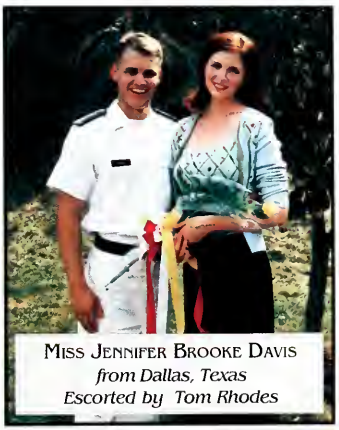


Miss Sayre Elizabeth Roberts
from Vero Beach, Florida
Escorted by Aaron Cantley

Charlie Company

Miss Elizabeth Suzanne Bradford
from Manassas, Virginia
Escorted by Jeff Geisendaffer

Echo Company



Miss Jennifer Brooke Davis
from Dallas, Texas
Escorted by Tom Rhodes

Foxtrot Company

Miss Rebecca Ann Baldwin
from Tazewell, Virginia
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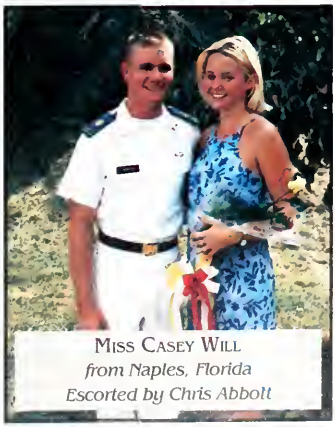
Golf Company

Miss Norah Leann Fick
from Spotsylvania, Virginia
Escorted by Scott Smith

Hotel Company



Miss Casey Will
from Naples, Florida
Escorted by Chris Abbott

Band Company

Rats showing brother rat unity.

Where's Waldo?

Have another...

Touchdown?!

Third and ten

y! I'm trying to eat here!

Oww! These roses have thorns!

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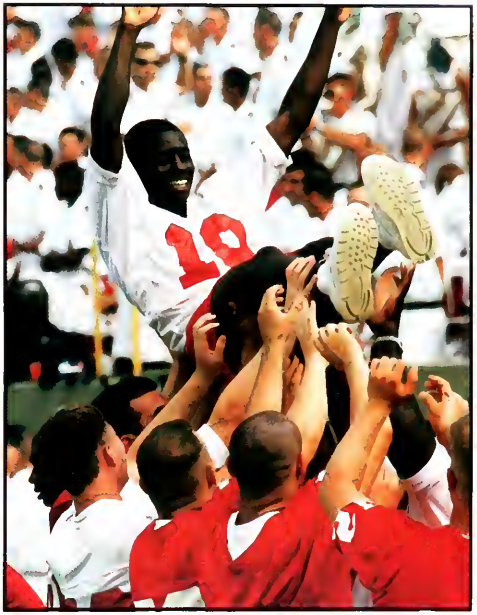

Hey, watch it!

u want a piece of this!?

Just making sure it's cold

AS REAL AS IT GETS

Imagine that you and a close friend applied to MTV's Real World experience. Slim chance that you would get picked, right? Well David Burns and Nathan Blackburn were chosen. They went through the whole experience and have no regrets. How could they have any regrets? Dave and Nate were chosen from roughly 15,000 applicants to live and work with five other college undergraduates from mid- January to late May in rainy Seattle.

Dave Burns

During their four and a half month stay, they occupied a 4500 squar foot custom- designed home on a p worth more than $1 million. Their humb abode was decorated with sixty seven d nated art works. These ranged from be with hand carved Northwestern Indian sty headboards, to a larger than life barki metal bulldog for a doorbell. There we 2,000 books in their library, a rock climbi wall , exercise machines, an exspres maker, pool table, an aquarium and, to t everything off, an indoor jacuzzi.

Nathan Blackburn

During the season, Nate , Dave, ar the rest of the cast had the opportunity work as "modulators" at a commercial ternative rock radio station, The End 10 Traveling to Nepal was another opport nity the cast had. Nate expressed hc much he enjoyed his experience in Nep and how it showed him a new outlook c life.

Since the two arrived home fro Seattle, they have met a number of c lebrities, including Ben Harper, Puff Dadc Gwen Steffani, Tyra Banks, Jennifer Lope Foxy Brown, Green Day, and Bill Belem They have also traveled to New York, Floric and Paris, France as models to show th world what they are made of.

Dave plans on working with MTV much as possible because not many people get the great opportunity. He still aspires to become lawyer, but has put law school on hold. Although it was difficult to live under constant surveillance b at least two video crews, the experience was incredible and one Dave and Nate will never forget.

Written by
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STUDYING ABROAD

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A CIDADE DE LISBOA
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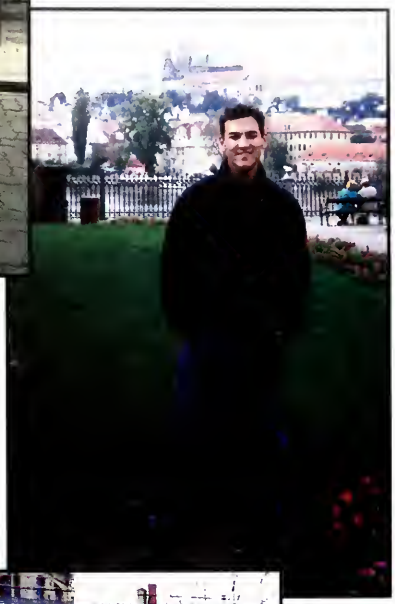

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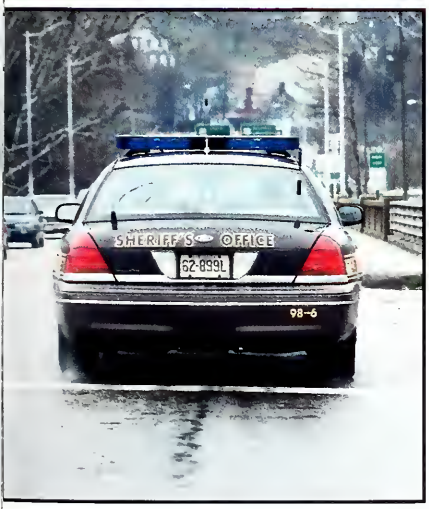
Field Training Excercise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ALUMNI WEEKEND

After the parade is over, the alumni pour into barracks to reminisce about their past experiences at the "I". Cadets gather on the stoops as alumni surround the sentinel box to give old yells for the "Old Corps." Several alumni climb up the ladder (or in some cases without the ladder) to the top of the sentinel box to lead their class in old yells.

Alumni reunion weekend is a time for the alumni to re-live their memories of being a cadet and for the Corps to honor them. Additionally, it is often a time for them to give something back to the institute. The class of '73 demonstrated this tradition with a very generous donation of 7.3 million dollars. Such support by alumni and for the alumni can be found nowhere else but the Virginia Military Institute. Rah Virginia Mil!

Wriiten by
Charles Townes and James Witten

Alumni gather around the sentinel box to shout old yells for their clo

Alumni prepare to charge barracks to shaut old yells.

Alumni pass in review with their class flag.

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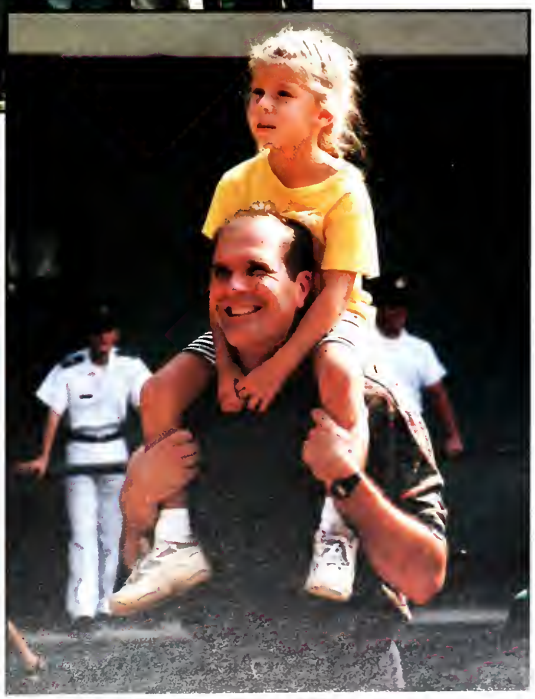
Class of '73 makes a generous donation.

Cadets join alumni for old yells.



A father [illegible]

Alumni pour into barracks to give old yells.

The Superintendent's class is well represented.

Give one up for the ROO!!!

Still has the Spirit

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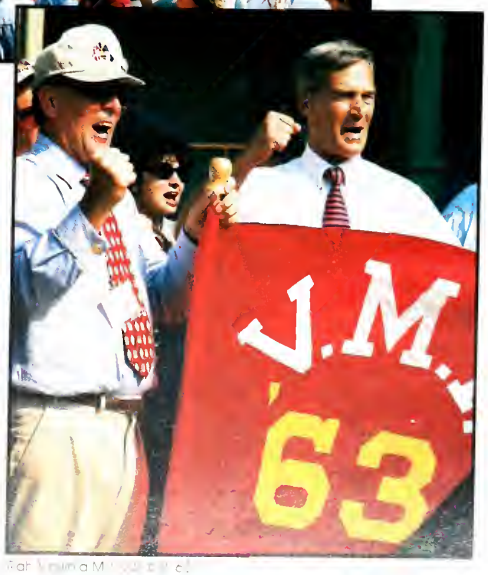
lass in old yells.

Alumni give old yells and cheer for their class.



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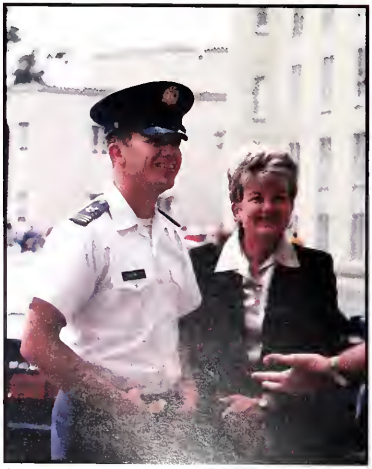
PARENTS WEEKEND

Ahh, the seemingly endless questions a cadet has to answer.

The Institute's biggest fan cheers the loudest.

Cadet Blevins sharing a moment with his mom.



Billiy Raynes and his mom talk about what it is like at VMI.

Nancy Bruce and Nancy Tatterson enjoying Parents Weekend.

Cadet discusses the rigors of the ratline with family.

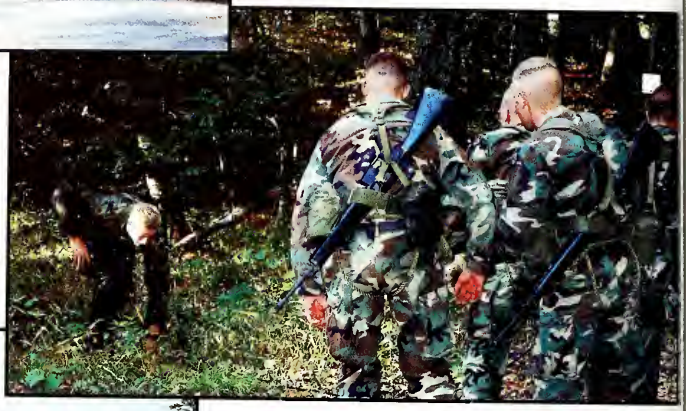
Dad waits patiently for the parade to step off

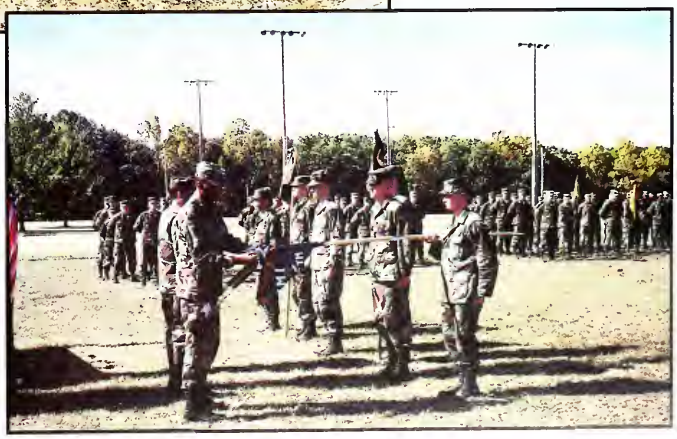
Parents protect Jackson statue while waiting for thier cadet.

Cadet meeting his mom at LeJeune.

A Cadet sa

RANGER CHALLENGE





FOUNDER'S DAY

Honorary guest Admiral James Stockdale speaking to the Corps.

The Regimental staff taking the field.

Jamie Kane and Billy Gage watching the Corps take the field.

Kelly Underwood and Lei Wong returning after the speech.

Cadets chatting about the moving speech by Admiral Stockdole.

General Bunting, Admiral Stockdale, and Bruce Gottwald '54

Officers, Front and Center!

French Cadets impressed by the parade.

Cadets waiting excitedly to step off for the big parade.

Who lost their cover?

CHRISTMAS

Displaying the Colors throughout downtown "Lex Vegas".

"Tis the Season to be Jolly" echoes in the Old Courtyard.

RAT CHALLENGE

If I fall, maybe I'll bounce.

Don't let go, use the force!

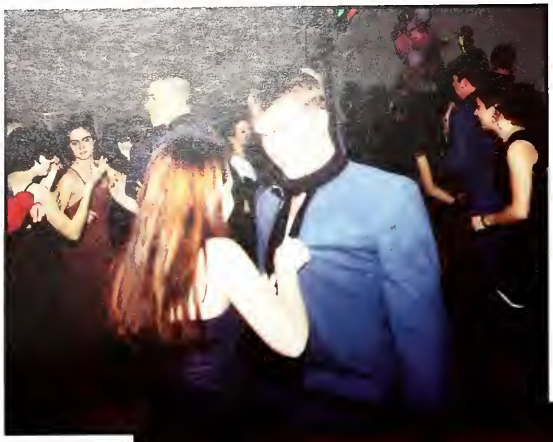
Hey, Hey, Captain Jack!...

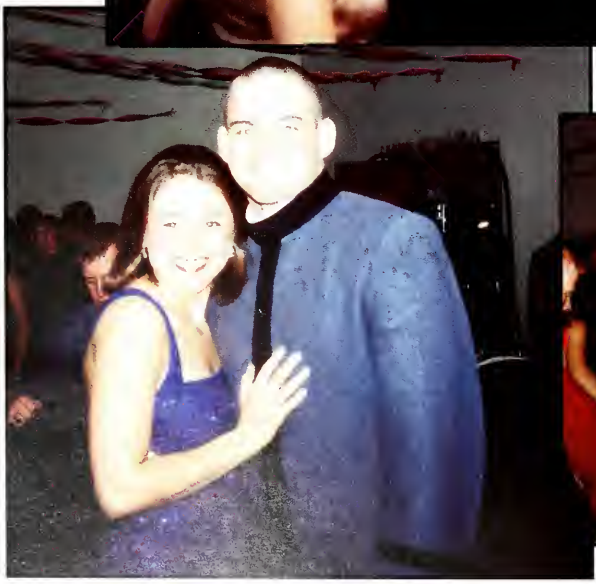
OOOOOO, wedgie

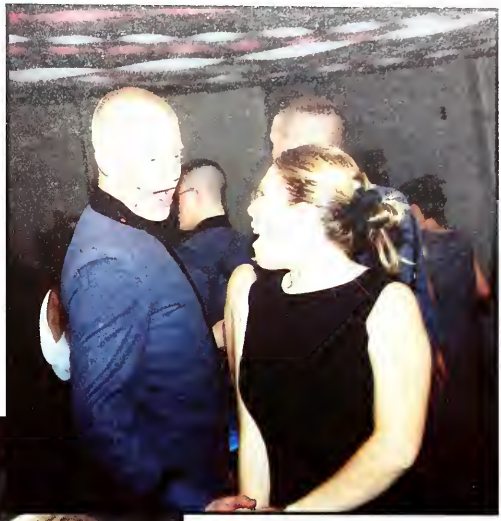
Kiss me, no one's looking

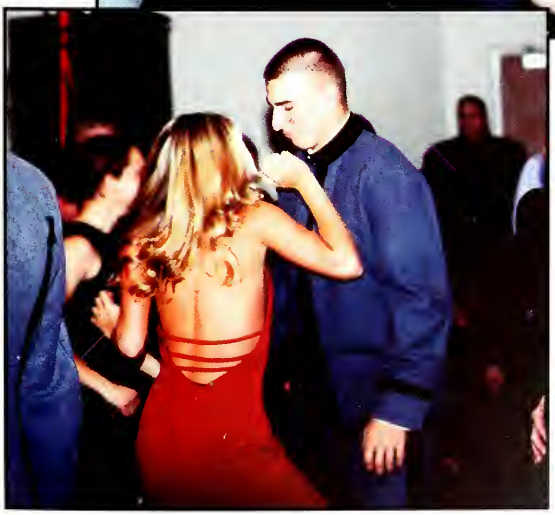
Come on guys its only a tire!

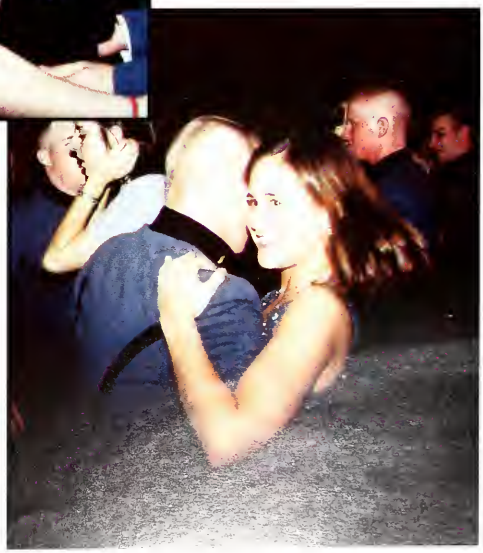
HOPS











SPEAKERS

SECRETARY MARSH AT NEW MARKET

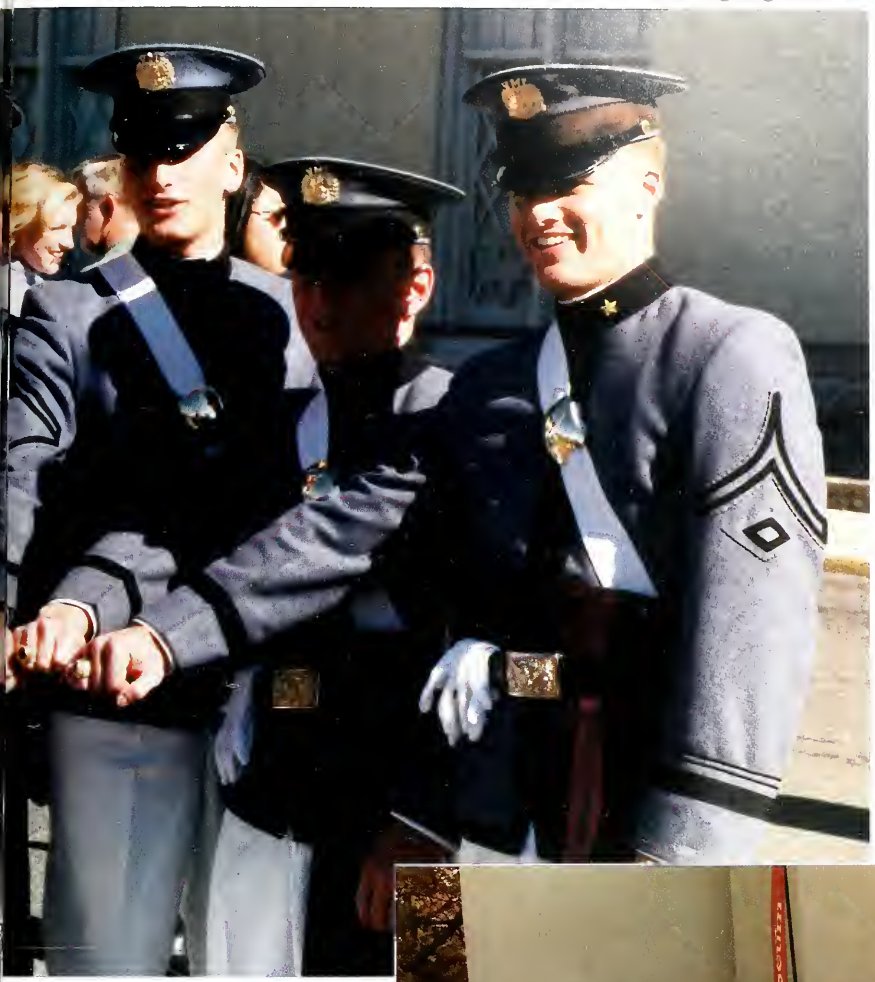
MR. LOU REDA AT VMI

COLONEL JOSEPH H. ALEXANDER (RETIRED) AT VMI

"The greatest sweetener of human life is friendship. To raise this to the highest pitch of enjoyment, is a secret which but few discover."

-Joseph Addison

ABOVE THE RING AND BEYOND



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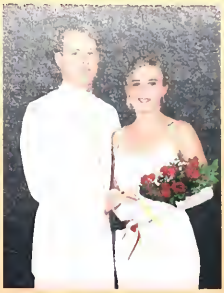

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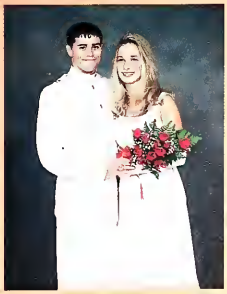

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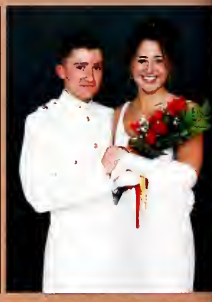

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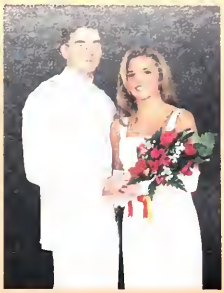

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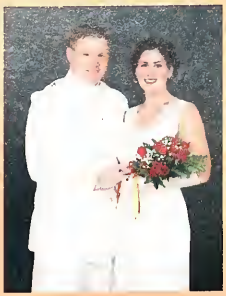

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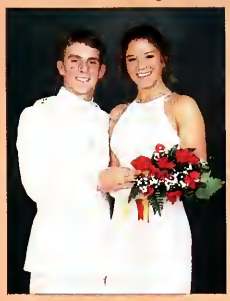

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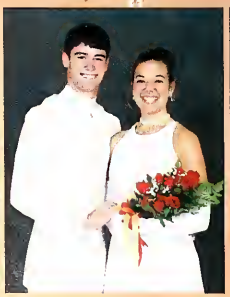

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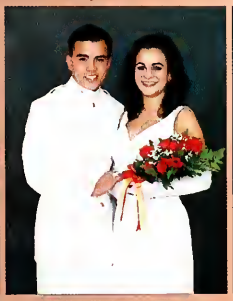

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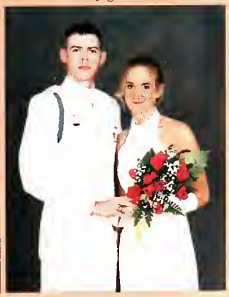

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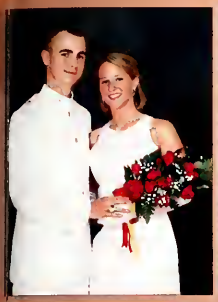

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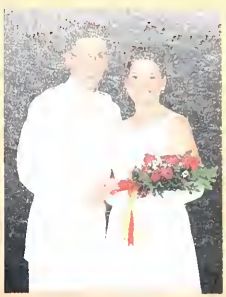

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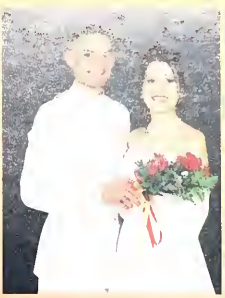

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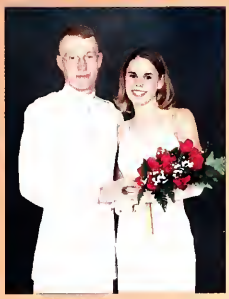

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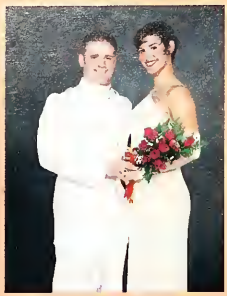

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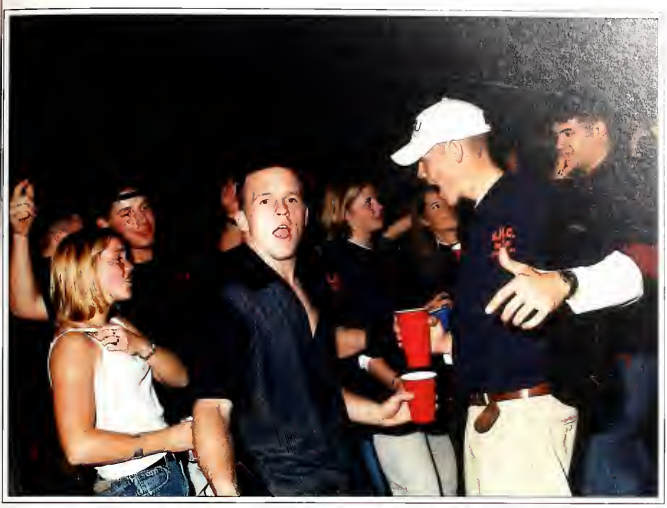

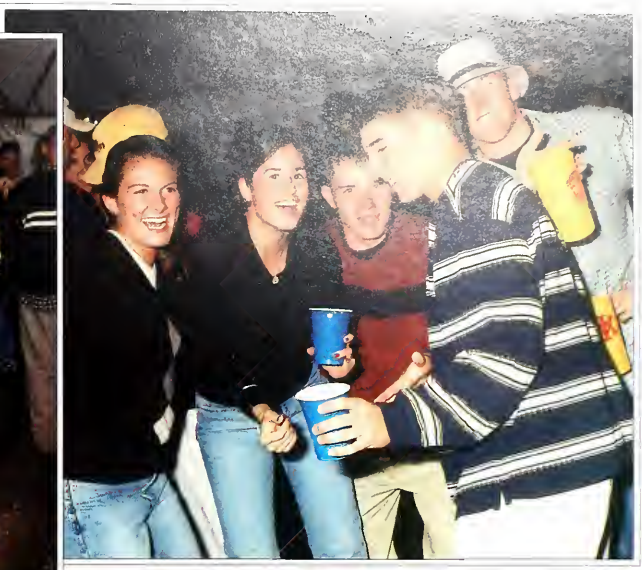

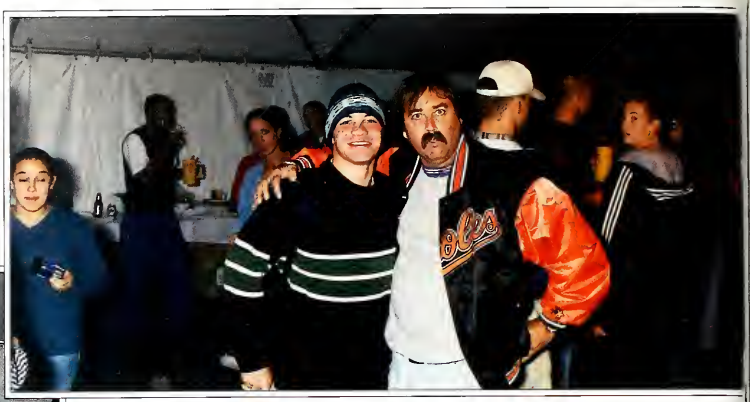

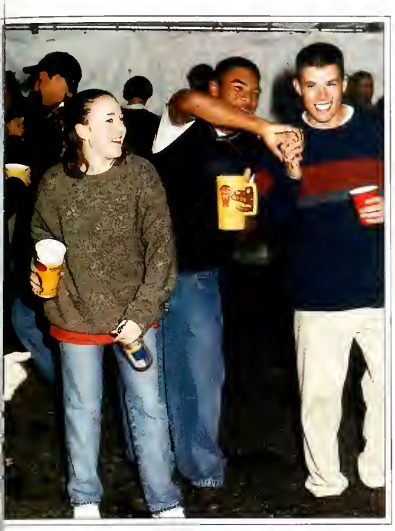

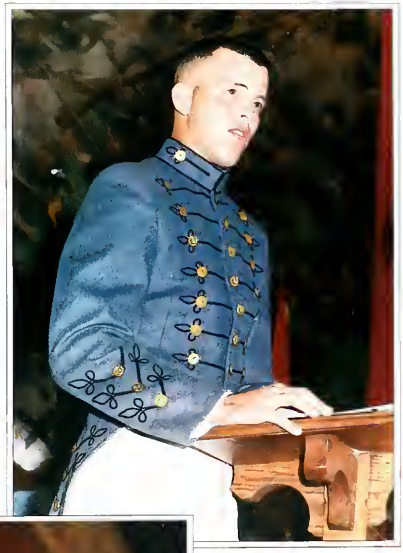

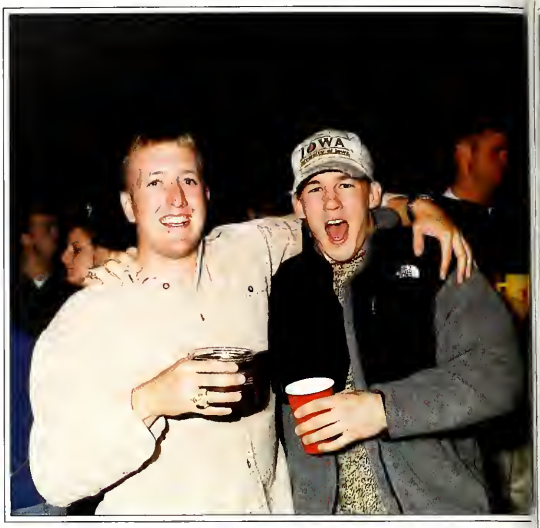
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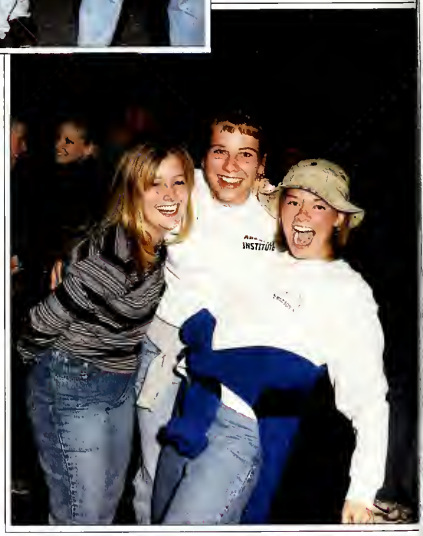

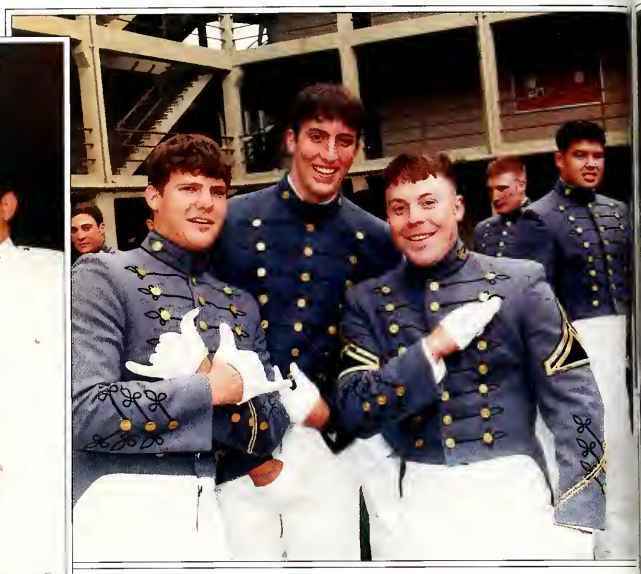

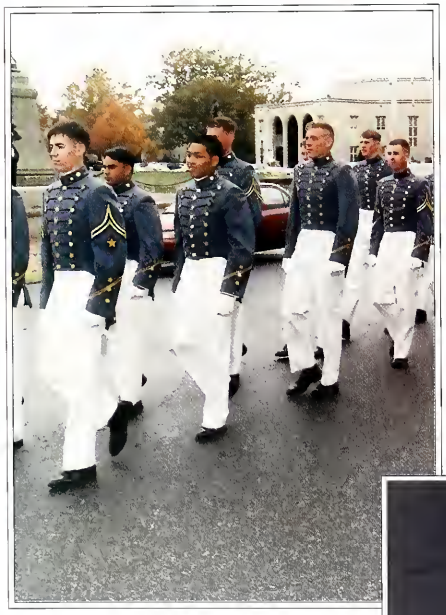

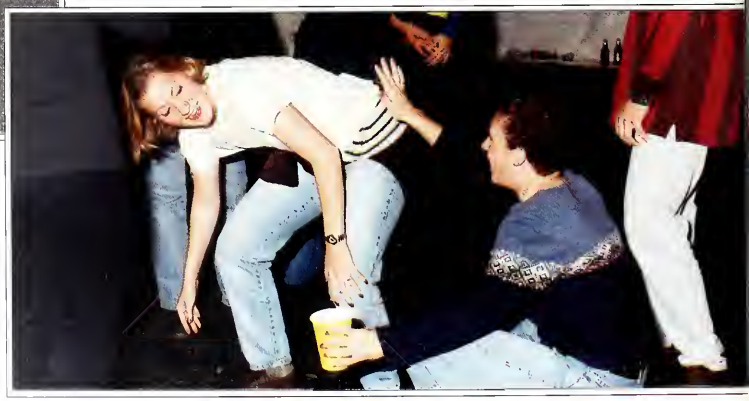

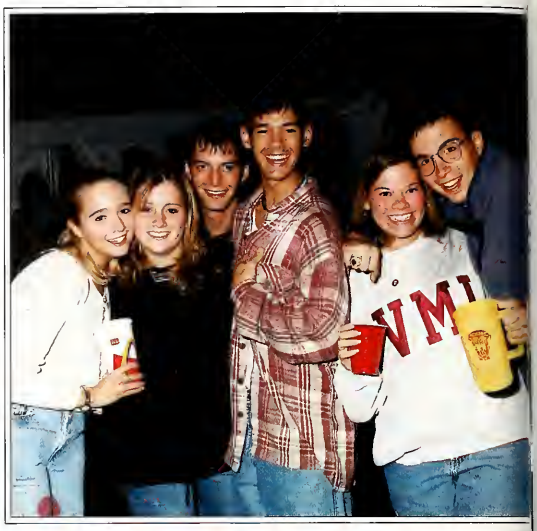
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-General Robert E. Lee

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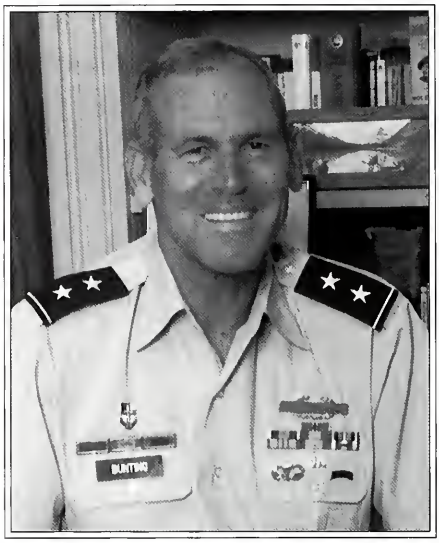

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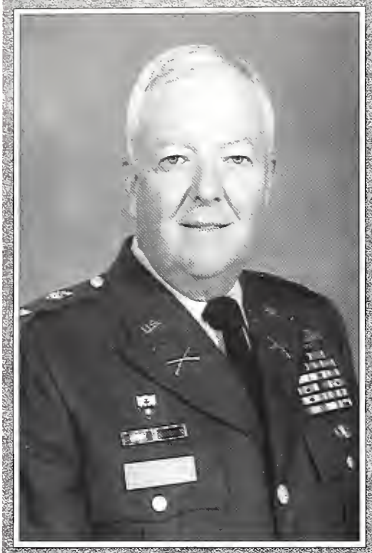

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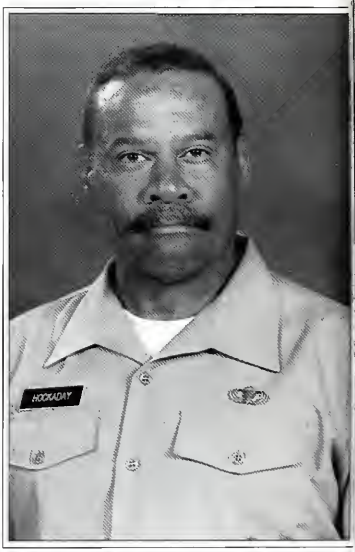

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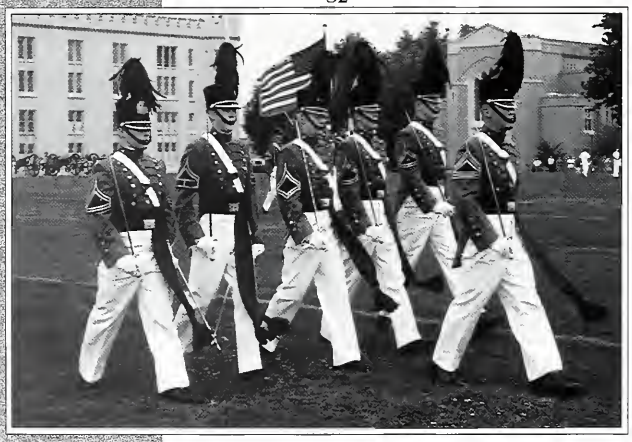

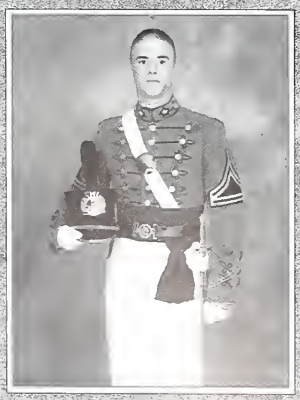

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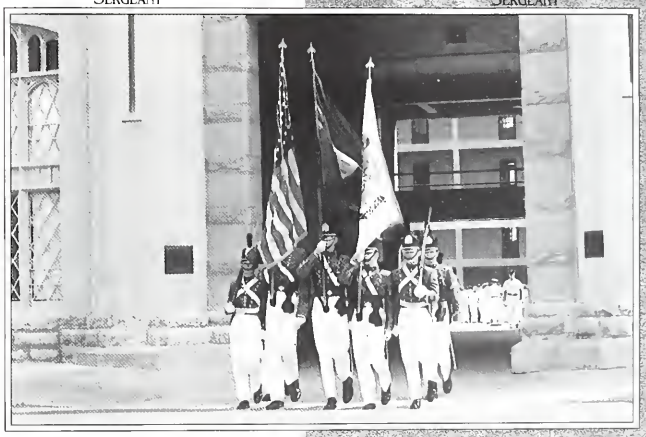

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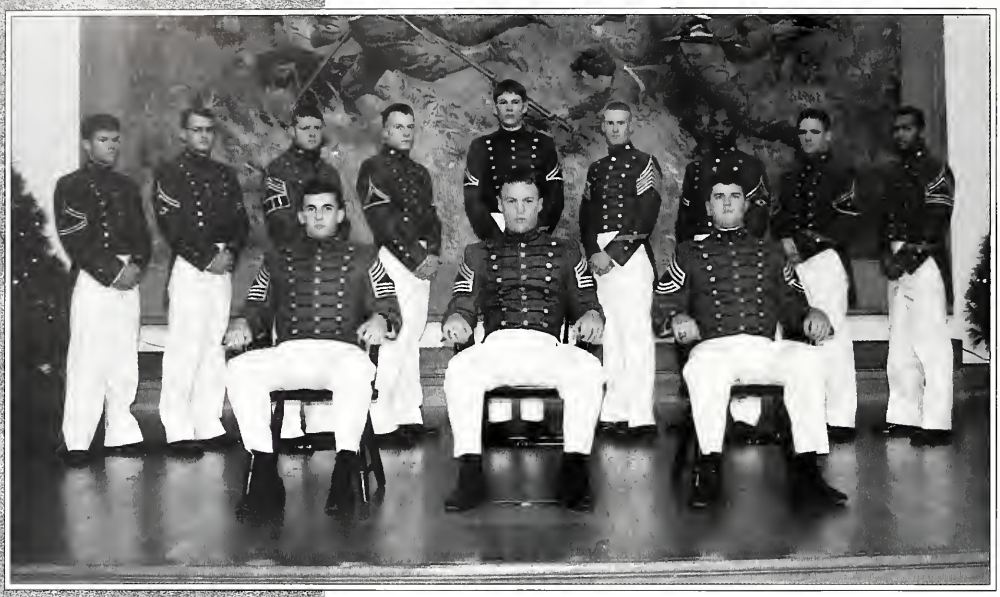

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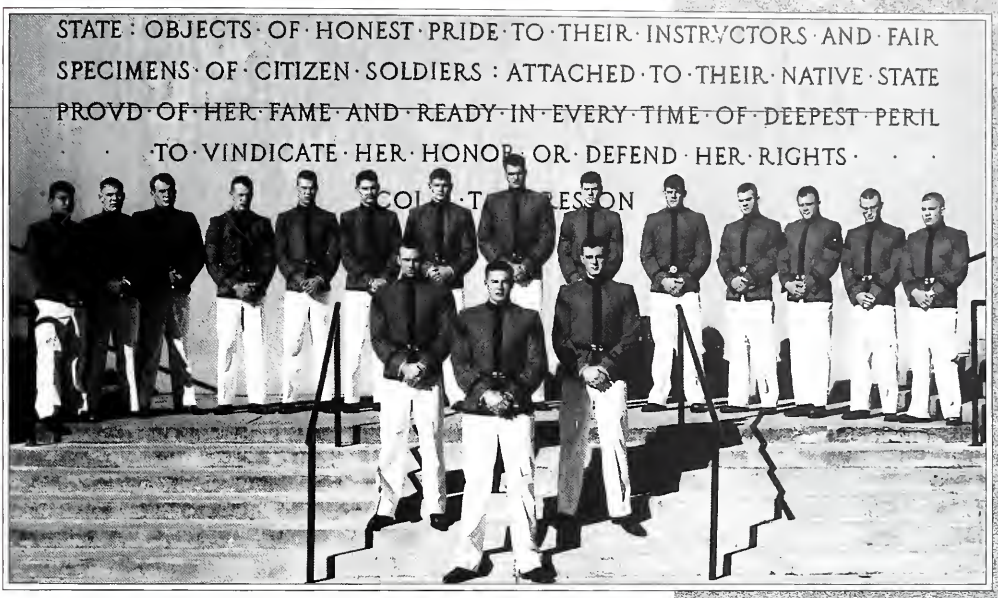

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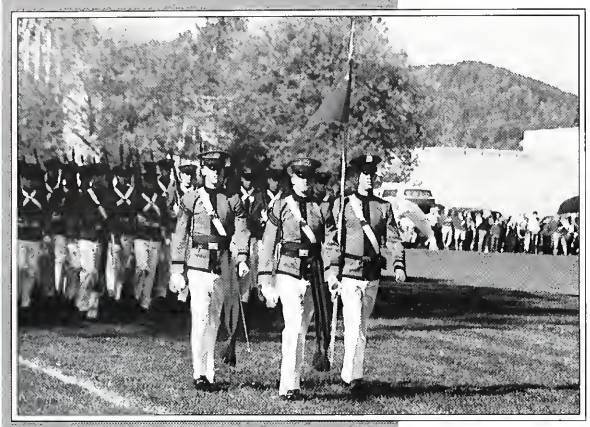

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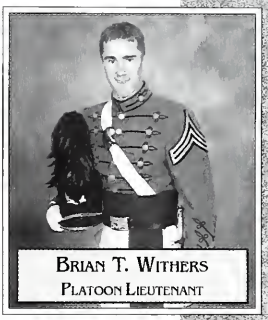

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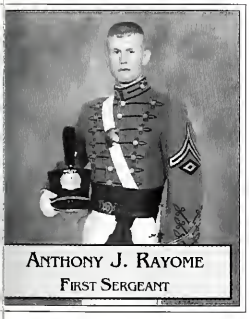

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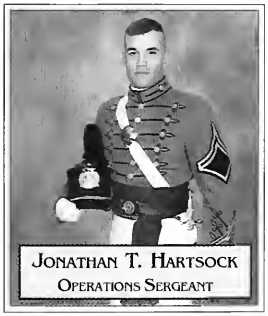

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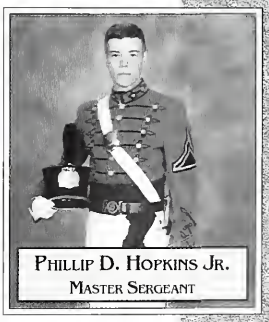

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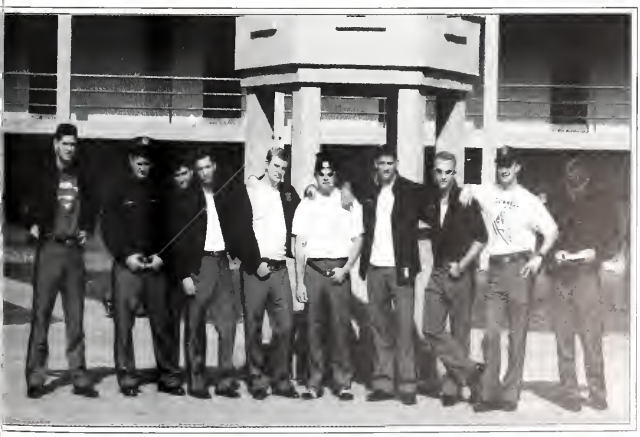

First Class Privates

Bravo Company

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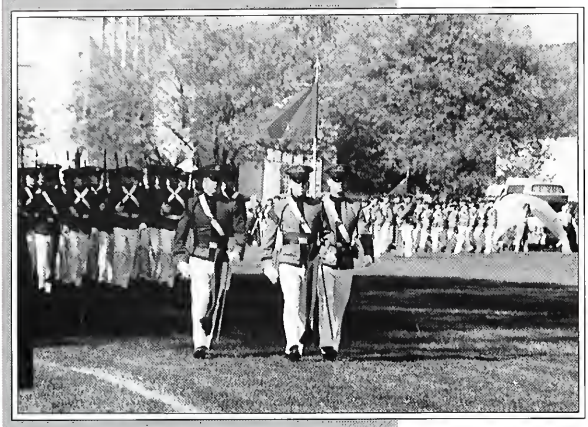

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Greg G. McDearmon
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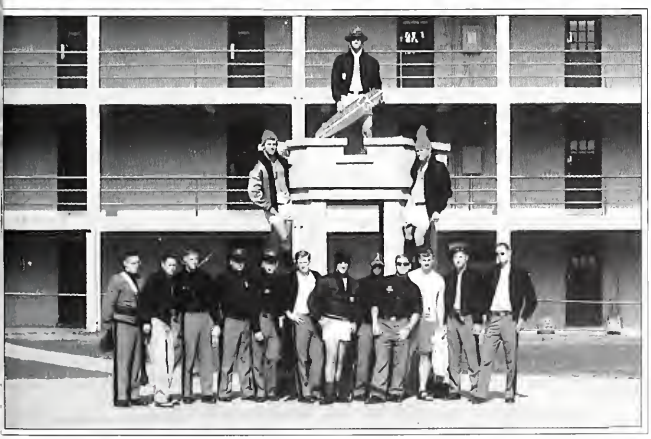

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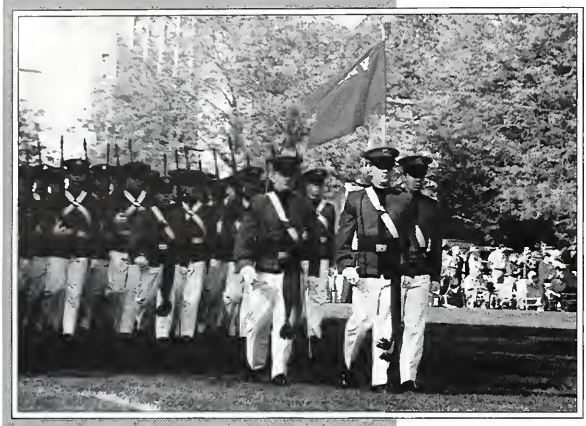
CHARLIE COMPANY

Cold Steel Charlie



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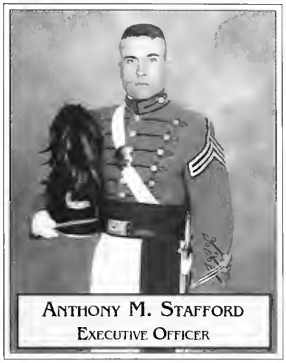

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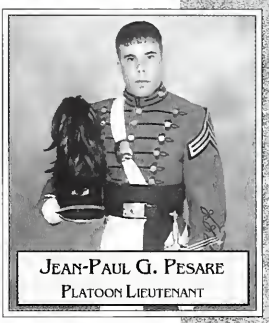

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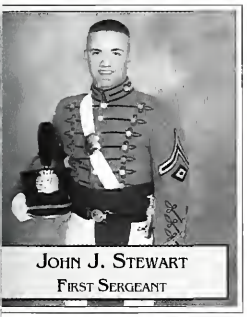

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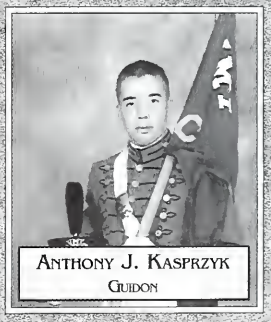

Anthony J. Kasprzyk
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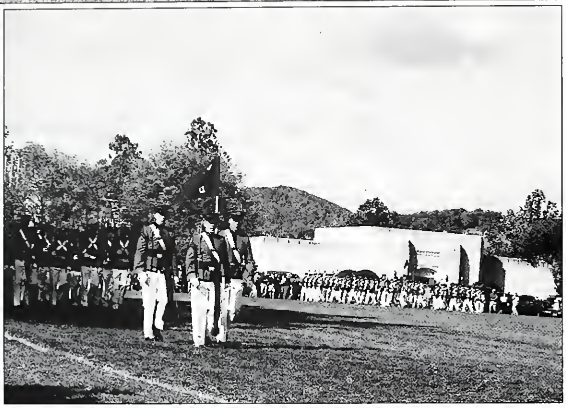
Delta Company

Mad Dog Delta



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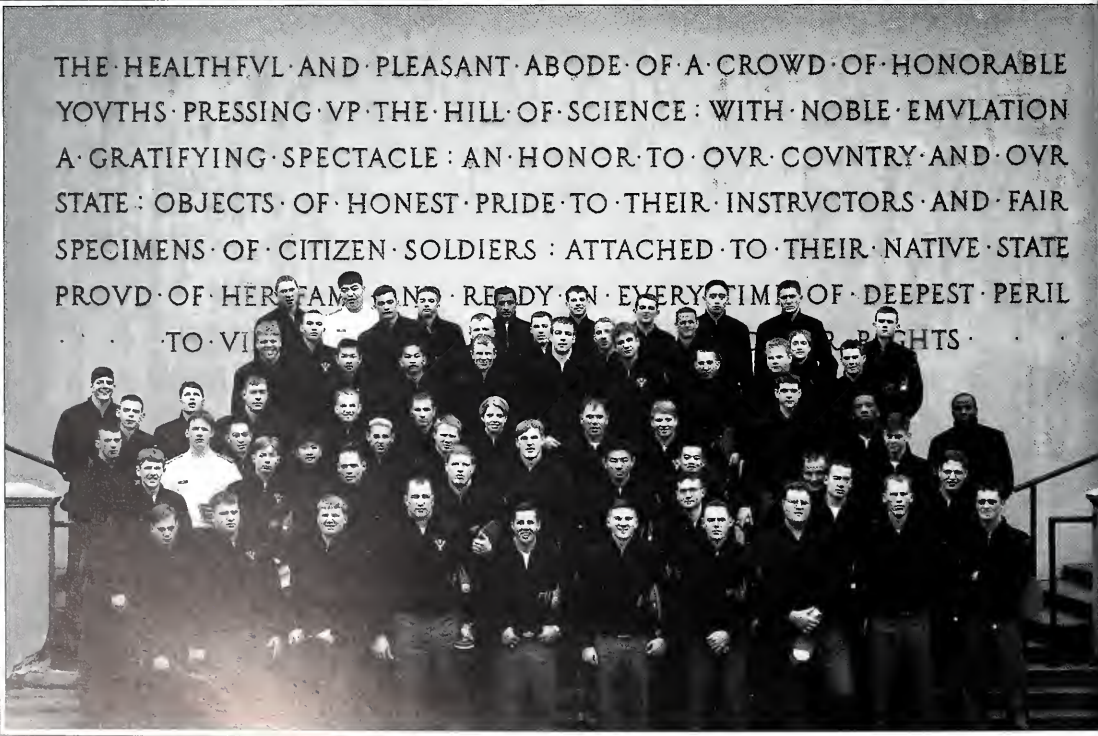

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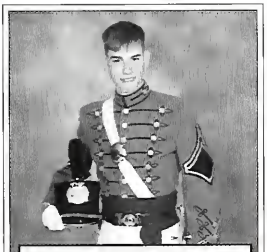

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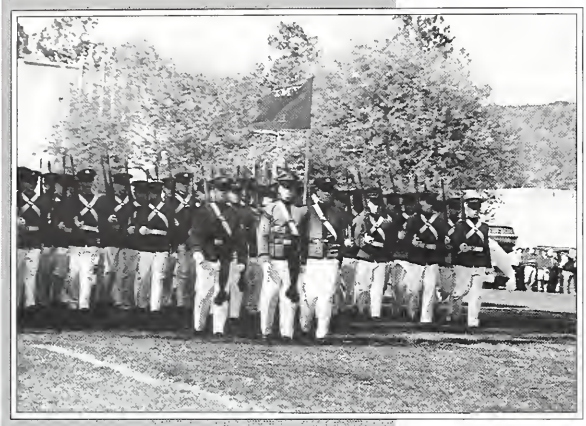
ECHO COMPANY

Tiger Echo



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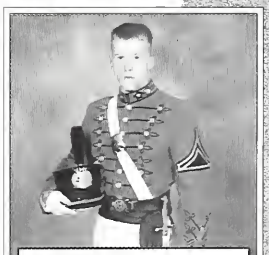

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F-Troop

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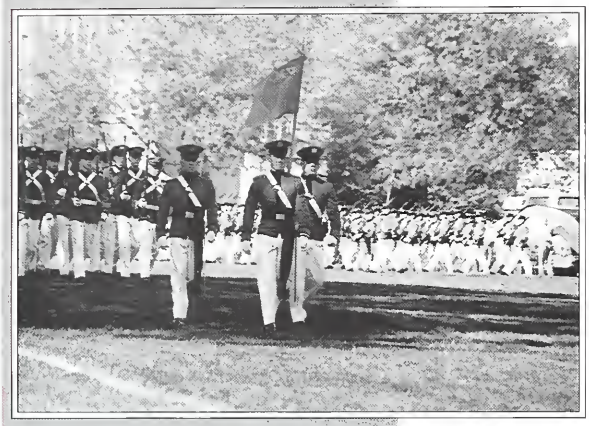

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Company Commander

Ali E. Morales
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Platoon Lieutenant

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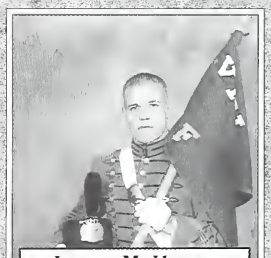

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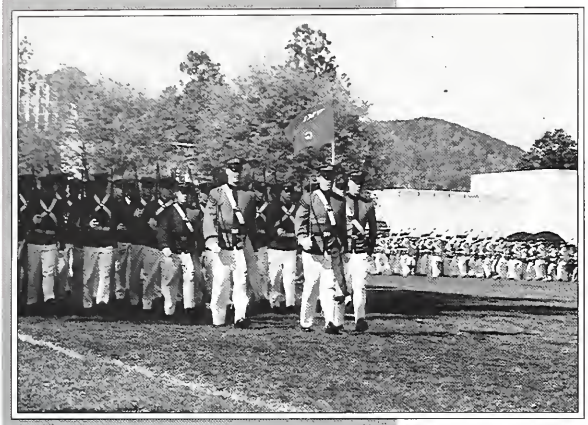
Golf Company

Blood and Guts Golf



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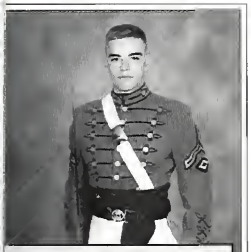

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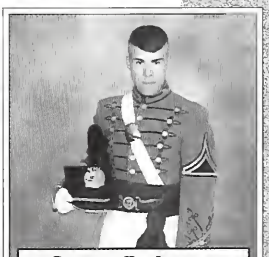

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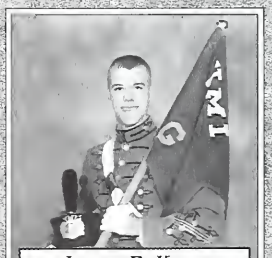

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Hotel Company

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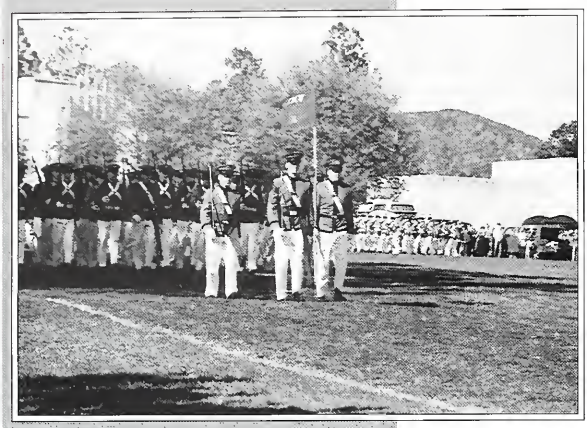

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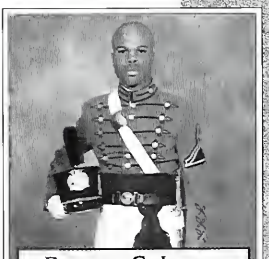

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Pierce R. Bogese
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Executive Officer

Travis L. Quesenberry
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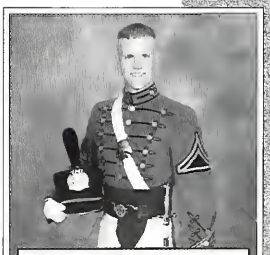

Brent D. Kennedy
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John P. O'Dell
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"I am on past the craggy paths of study, and come to the flowery plains of honor and reputation."

-Ben Jonson

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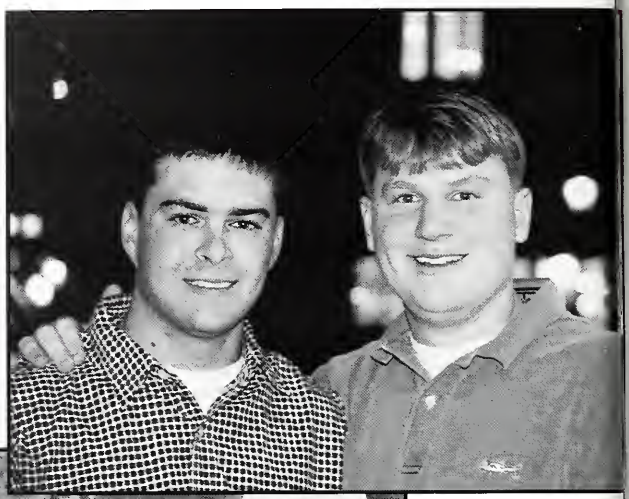

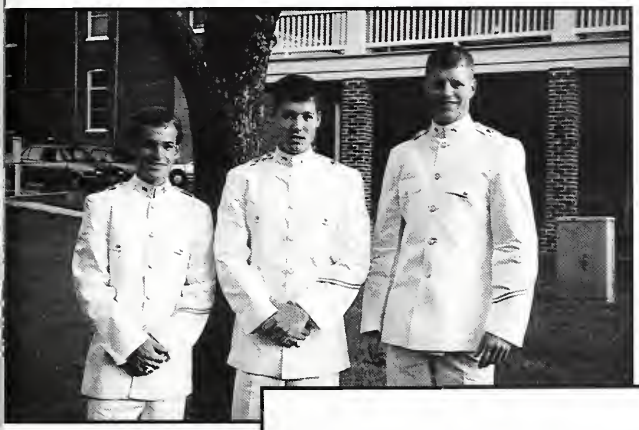

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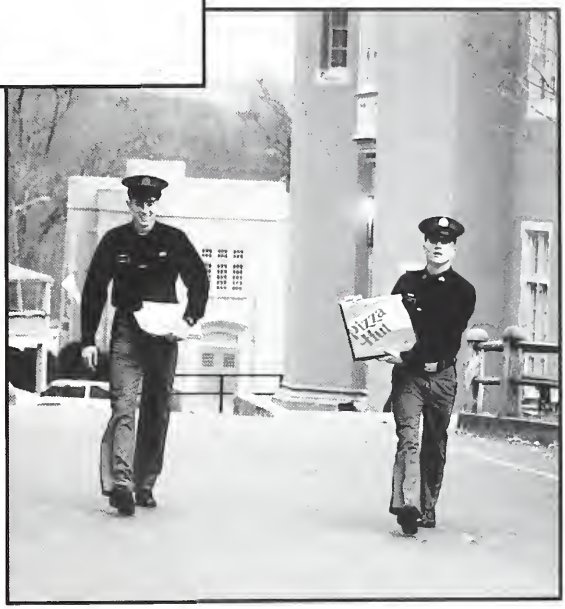
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Jacob M. Abell
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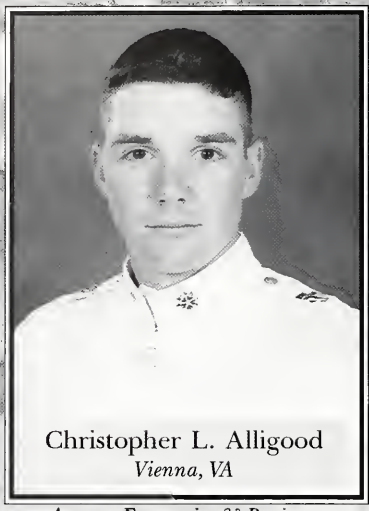
Air Force ~ Civil Engineering

Well, what can I say. Many people have said I could or I would not do it, but here I am. Hopefully, a better person. And who do I owe all of this to? Many wonderful people in my life. First, starting with my parents. You guys have been on my side through both good and bad times. I could not ask for any more from you guys! Without your advice and lectures I would have never made it. I love you guys and thanks for being there for me. Secondly, my brother, Buddy. Thanks for being there for me when I needed it. I know our future together will be great and I am looking forward to getting it started. Long live Piedmont Construction! Last but not least, my roomates, Ryan and Billy. I can't thank you guys enough for covering my butt and being there for me. I owe the world to you guys. Don't forget all of the good times we had together, FTX 1998, the river weekend, trips to Richmond, trips to see Fighting Gravity and a few memorable nights at the Palms. I wish the best of luck to you guys. Billy, I hope one day you are able to get the rust off. And, no Emily, I did not forget to mention you. I look forward to our future together. I am sure it will be a good one! Thanks for everything you have done. You have opened a new door in my life! And to the rest of the crew, Dallas, Max, Ezra, Greg, Paul, Jochen, Scott, Prom, Chuck, Jason B., Brad W., Chris M., Cameron, Tedozz, Fil, Jeff H., Robbie T., Segar, Jamie M., and whoever I may have left out, THANKS! I will miss all of you guys. Good luck and keep in touch.



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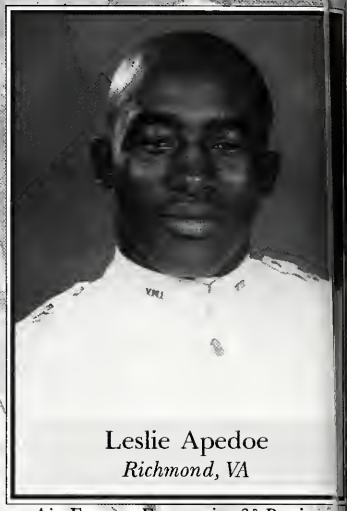
When I first decided to attend VMI my mind was full of expectations of just what I might become. Looking back over the past years, I feel as if everyday I was putting forth the effort required not only to succeed here at VMI but also to succeed in life. Although I hated having to give up the privileges of a "normal" college student, in the end the time and effort I have placed into my education here at VMI have been worth it. Now I would like to thank the people who helped me succeed on my journey through the Institute. Larry, you were my guide through a system that was unknown to me. I used what you taught me and I hope I have made you proud. Joey, they couldn't break us so they had to graduate us. You are not forgotten. Tom, Sean, and Uncle Hendi (Kevin), its been a long road. Jeff and Brian, make the most of your time here. Thanks for all your help; I hope that I showed you the way it is supposed to be done. In addition, to the most influential people in my life, Mom and Bill, thank you for always supporting me, trusting me, and giving me the push when I needed it. Thank you for being the strong voice on the other end of the line, reassuring me and never allowing me to doubt your love. I love you and thank you for all of the sacrifices you have ever made for me. You are the best parents and friends a son could ever have. And to the "I" I leave my experiences, my uniforms, and NOT anymore of my money. Thanks for the memories, I learned a lot



Leslie Apedoe
Richmond, VA

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Two Roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down at one as far as I could
To where I bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

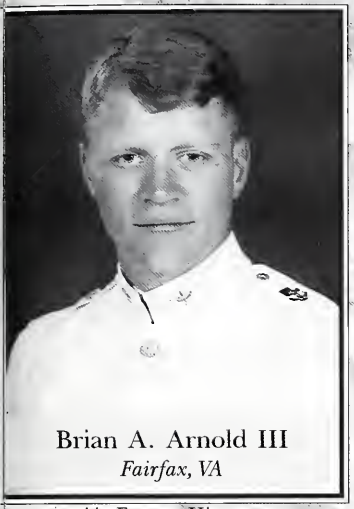
And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the on less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

Dykes
1996 - Chad Gill
2002 - Wes Tatum

Dykes
1996 - Lawrence Machabee
2002 - Brian Shephard, Jeff Prausa



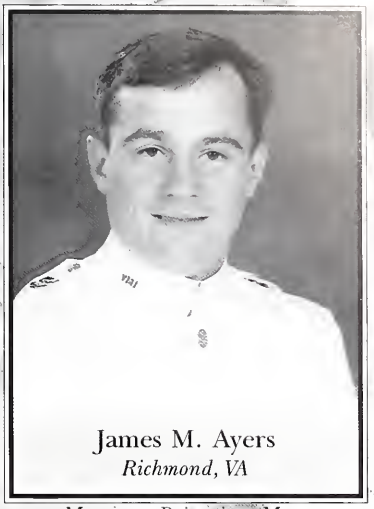
Brian A. Arnold III

Fairfax, VA

Air Force ~ History

It's common knowledge that your third class year re at the "I" sucks. But far us, getting to know addy-General" made it all worthwhile. Very rarely l you ever find a guy so laid-back and easygoing. on't think it's possible to find anybody in the Corps at he couldn't get along with. From illegal nights at &L to randy nights at the local women's asylums, m the topless beaches in Miami, to crime fighting Ecuador, Brian was always there to liven up the rty with his "sprinkler" and crazy antics. It's hard to agine VMI without Brian, or a more loyal friend. ways ready with timely advice or an encouraging rd, he was one of the reasons you came back m break. Brian, there aren't words in the language describe what your friendship means to us. As ch as we look forward to graduation, knowing at it means not getting to see you each day puts damper on the whole affair. But at least we leave owing that you'll be successful in whatever you . AIM HIGH, GOOD BUDDY!!!!

Dykes
1996 - Brandon Smith
2002 - Tim Donovan, Nick Fuqua



James M. Ayers

Richmond, VA

Masontye, Primetime, Mase
Army ~ Civil Engineer, Math (Minor)

Where do I start? I have learned that life is not fair, but I am the only one who can pave the road for the future. I came to VMI for the "three legged stool". That is athletics, academics, and very little of the military stuff. The memories that I will carry away from this Institution are priceless. Just to name a few: late night Luck stories, all-nighters in Nichal's dungeon, MRE bombs, pervert corner clowns, women in room 312, late night talks with Margoret, and many lacrosse locker room/road trip memories. The people who I have to thank the most are my Mom and Dad. They have been there through the thick and the thin. I am very fortunate to have parents that stand on every sideline and cheer, take pictures throughout my athletic career, and give me guidance through life. Next, I would like to thank my brothers for getting me where I am today. Charles started the tradition and Alexander and I followed. Both of y'all made me a better person and lacrosse player. Another shoulder that I lean on is Margaret. You have been the best these last three years. I know you are the listener of all of my complaints, but I don't know what I would do without you! Next, I want to say to my roommates Marshall, Jamie, and George that I understand that I can be the hardest person to live with, but I will always be there for you guys. Finally, I want to say to rooms 110120, and 122 that it been real. All of those times where we were walk'n on thin ice; well at least we were Dancing. Good-bye!!!

Dykes
1996 - Joe Brockman
2002 - Tommy Huffman

Kevin G. Azar

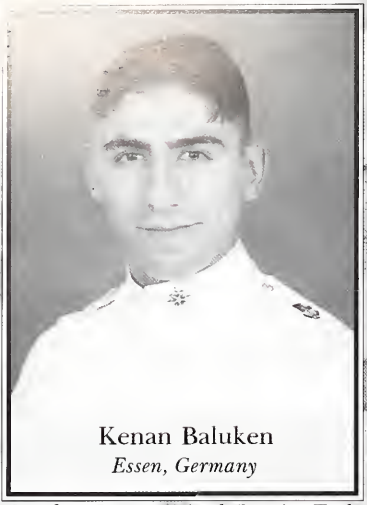
North Palm Beach, FL

Animal, Ewok, Gayzar
Army ~ History

What can be said about Kevin a.k.a.(Gayzar) ignoring his faults would only detract from his charm. We've performed all sorts of lecherous and somewhat evil acts against many of our fellow students of the female persuasion at GMU and other such fine schools of higher learning. I don't recall Kevin ever feeling sorry, come to think about, neither did I! Kevin and I, although very different, seem to mesh well together. As well as we get along I have learned never to take him with me to meet a Date. His hard exterior of raging workouts for rats and utter disrespect for other peoples feelings lead others to misjudge him. He is a bit rough on the outside, but he is one of the more honest and steadfast friends I have ever known. I have even thought at times Kevin could maybe have been a touch more sensitive and understanding of others, but I know it would not fit him.

I decided to come to VMI because I knew it was all-male and I had an idea of the ratline. Even today, I can honestly say that I came here for the ratline experience and the Ring. The diploma just came after the classes. The first two years were awesome. I met and befriended some of the best men in the world. I learned pure discipline, determination, the importance of loyalty, and true confidence. Mom, Michael, Heez, and Adam, thanks for helping me along with this place. Andy and Andre, I'll see you in the trenches and in the bars. Scott, I'll see you in the MISFITS pit! Bill and Willy, y'all know what's up. Taylor, one word: Domination.

Dykes
1996 - John DiDio
2002 - Taylor Jones

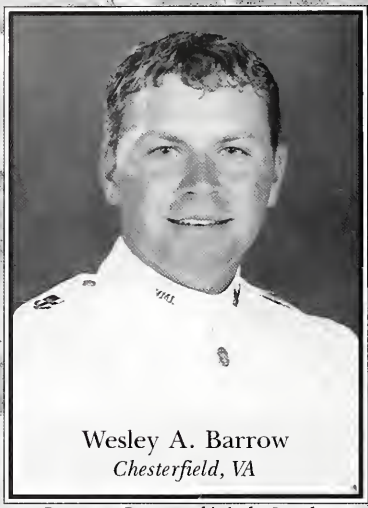


Kenan Baluken
Essen, Germany

Scarface, Iceman, Diesel, Density, Turk
Marines ~ International Studies

It has been a long road for me. I came to the United States from Germany in August of 1993. I was not even eight hours in this country when my host family put me on the High School football team. As far as I was concerned I thought it was soccer because that's what they call football over there. Time came to start searching for colleges. Coach Ross had talked to me about his soccer team and gave me an invitation to come and see this "beautiful" school. When he showed me barracks I was speechless. I couldn't imagine living here for four years. I decided to go along with whatever decision and matriculated with my Brother R ats, the Class of 1999. I made a lot of great friends here. Friends for life. Thank you: LES, CHRIS, TEX, ALE, PAUL, ANDY, JUSTIN, and BIG-Z. Now I am coming to the part that made everything possible for me to be here at VMI, my mom. "I love you, mom." My mom has no idea about the life of a VMI cadet. She has never been to VMI to see it. She has never been to the states. Thank you mom, for everything. Now I want to get to my boys who are my rats at the same time. I met them at VMI in the summer transition program. They are the Class of 2002. " Lucky and Fonzze, I hope you boys like VMI more than I have. And stay out of trouble!! One thing that this place has given me is my perfect dream. I never thought that my dream would ever come into reality, but it did. And it changed my life. A note to my girlfriend " If you are reading this right now, I want your blue-eyed babies.

Dykes
1996 - Shah Rhaman, Chaning Powers
2002 - Fonzze Lucky



Wesley A. Barrow
Chesterfield, VA

Burrow, Burrowskivitch, Sambo
Air Force ~ Economics & Business

As I sit here to recollect the past four years here at VMI, I must thank God for guiding me through this strange journey. This place has taught me a great deal about myself, more than I ever imagined. *Mike* You and I are best compared to "Grumpy Old Men", but words cannot express what your friendship means to me. Thanks for being my best friend, thanks for being my brother. *Matt* Nags Head. Who would have known we would end up being roommates? *Craig* Turn that damn Mettalica bulls**t off!!! Smoke break? *Sager* Hhh,Hhh !! I still ask myself why we came here. But the truth is I probably would have gone crazy if it weren't for your dumb ass pranks. *Chad* Indians suck. You complain more than any one I know but you are also a true friend. *Ben* We have grown up together from Swift Creek to CHHS Baseball. You may not know it but I consider you one of my closest friends. I wish you the very best with Jenny. *Kyle* I know you don't understand this place now but someday you will. Keep working hard. Thanks for the memories! *Jay* Thanks for your talks to cheer me up. *Mother* I don't think I can ever repay you for all of the things you have done for me. Your constant support was what kept me going when I wanted to quit. *Father* I never felt so much pride in being someone's son. Your words of wisdom have carried me through this chapter in my life. I owe you all of my successes. I love you both very much. To VMI I hate this place now, but I truly cherish the memories you have given me... Good night.

Dykes
1996 - Chris Cofer
2002 - Kyle Morris

Foster S. Beeker
Lynchburg, VA

Beek, Roots
Army ~ Economics & Business

Well what can I say? I have been lucky enou to know Foster for the past three years and whe look back I can't believe how fast they have gor I have enjoyed being his neighbor and often tim his fifth roommate since our 3rd class year. He is de nitely one of the most unique individuals I have ev met, and I often found myself laughing at his stro views on people's words and actions. Foster's stro personality often came across as abrupt or ev too outspoken but that was not Foster at all. He is guy who speaks his mind and tells people the tru not just what they want to hear, and this is wh separates Foster from many people at VMI. Faste one of the most dependable and truthful friend have ever had, and I am proud to say that he is a of my best friends! He has made my stay here at t Institute more bearable and has definitely broug laughter into my room when I needed it the mo Foster you're a great guy who I know will succe and do well in whatever field you choose to go in because that's your character, strong willed, det mined, and dedicated to do your very best! I r spect you man, and I hope our friendship contin after this jail sentence comes to an end! Your frien Caley

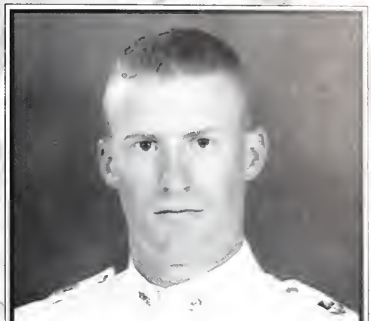
Dykes
1996 - John Morrison
2002 - Brian Rodriguez, Matt Maxey

Charles R. Bennett
Yortown, VA

Chuckles, Raulio, Chaz, char-char
Air Force ~ Economics & Business

I came to VMI not knowing what to expect or hat I was getting myself into. Whether or not I ould do it all again, if I could start it all over again, an't say. All I can say now after my four years here, that it has flown by and I am thankful for that. My ne here has been difficult. Between football and e VMI bull%^!$#, I still astonish myself by making it us far. The only things that has gotten me through, ny friends some stayed, some didn't. Josh, Payne, nny H., Dave C., Hank, Tim, Goldy, Rosie, Andy, J. hite and any other guys I may have left out, thanks. has been said you make friends unlike any others at s place. I could not agree more after my time re. Sally, thank you for being there for me and ing to understand this place. Matt, hang in their this place is hard, but don't ever let it get the best you. Last, but most importantly, mom and dad ank you for your relentless support and putting up th my ass. I love you guys.

Dykes
1996 - Greg Harris
2002 - Matt Dewitt



Jason B. Berg
Smith Mountain Lake, VA

J Berg, RHB, Regimental
Marines ~ History

The past two years have been two of the best yet and a great deal of that is because of the very strong friendship that we have developed. There are some men out there who are capable of being a motivation to those around them,-who can be trusted with problems, who will sacrifice personal gain for the cause of helping out a friend; that describes how you have treated me. I am confident that as you leave VMI you will be extremely successful in whatever direction you head (except maybe in the area of relationships-your success has not been encouraging!). As you leave VMI, remember your old 202/102 roommate, because you actually owe your live to one of us. If we had failed to lookout for you, you would still be either hanging upside down on the rail or stuck head-first in the ground. Hang in there Jason, you will be in my prayers. -Greg

To the roommates, Brad, Chris, and Greg. You have been awesome to me and I am thankful to have best friends that have treated me the way you have. To the friends, Rabbie, Jochen, Fil, Kling,Debo, Jochen, Mike, Chris, Paul, Jake, Matt and all the others- your support for me has been immeasurable. You have helped me make this year successful. To the rats, John and Sven- you all have become good friends and know that I am very proud to be your dyke. I want you to carry on all the traditions that this old place really means. Remember what I have taught you. "It is the pursuit of easy things that makes men weak."

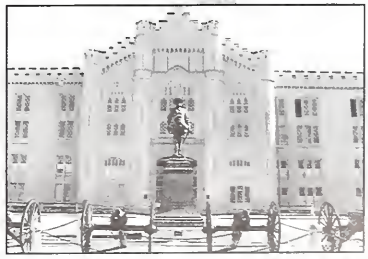
Dykes
1996 - Chris Jones
2002 - Sven Jensen, John Trant

Trent H. Blair
Auburn, NY

Blair, Hotlips, Trent Blinka
Air Force ~ Civil Engineering

Where do I begin? I may as well start off with rat year, it sucked, that's about all that needs to be said about it. I've struggled ever since I got here, first the ratline, then physics, then Buckdaddy, the Air Force throughout, and the list goes on. But, I must say, VMI has been an interesting experience. I'm not gonna say good or bad, but interesting. I'd like to thank a lot of people for the post four years and if I miss somebody, don't be too mad. First and foremost to the Lord Almighty who has always been there 24 hours a day beside me. My parents, as much as we may disagree, you're always there supporting me. Chem, girl, I can't tell you how much you did for me rat year, but I'm always in your debt, without you, the past four years wouldn't have been possible. John, Michele, and Jamie, you're always there when I need you, I appreciate it. Room 165/167, Eric, and Jeff, it's been real y'all, thanks for keeping me sane. To Danny, Jesse, Emily and Eddy, all four of you are well on the way to success, keep it up, and thanks for everything. TSgt Hudson, thanks for all the advice sarge. Sarah babe, we've been through a lot in the past five years, and the next 50 promise to be just as exciting. Thank you for everything you do, even the things you don't know you do. I Love You! -THB

Dykes
1996 - Brian Forrest
2002 - Daniel Hanna



Ian M. Bobbitt
Charlottesville, VA

Rylo, Son, E, John, Yoshi
Army ~ Civil Engineering

Ian, to put it in a few words, you are our true brother. Shawn has been there for you from the start, as for myself fate made all of us best of friends. Not to mention that we converted you, our brother: From Master Seargent, to a true First-Class Private/Permit!! >E= you have always been there for us, but we fear that you will forget the details of what made us so truely great. Yeah there was the Inferno, Club 2-5-2, you inherting the Vortex, and you moving in to Va Beach on your weekends. Truth be told there was more, it was in the details that we became what we are today, and what will bind us for eternity. Whereas what will follow is a small portion of the afore mentioned, NEVER forget: Digging like all hell to get back to post on time, A....NOT FAT@, the ACME dumptruck, learning the ways of obtaining DB stardom, the former commandants daughter???, FTX and your lack of a green 1995 Jeep and it=s superb parking Barron, oh we mean break. By the way, Nice Volvo, Ian a climbing Instructor?!?!, ANAAAHHHHH@. You taking Travola=s place at Peabody=s, Mr. Smooth at Nash=s condo, The Slingshot 3rd class year, watch out for B's mom. Gummi Bears, A >V= in 95 to a >DB= in 99; and yes we have a Moosehead for your mouth. Ian, know this, we love you and will always be there when you call. AYeoahhh@ -Chuck & Snoop.

P. Ryan Bogese
Midlothian, VA

Pierce, Ryan, Goose, Geese,
Air Force ~ Civil Engineering

These past few years have flown by pretty fast. My experiences here have been both good and bad here, though I do not regret coming here. I would like to thank my loving family, Mom especially, Dad, Todd, Sandy, and even Blake and Maggie for their support these last couple of years. Probably one of the few things I am going to miss about VMI is all the friends I have made here. To Jake, I have had a blast hanging out with you whether it was off post drinking some where or just studying here on post. To Billy, I guess Live It Up 98' has to come to an end some time, oh well it was fun while it lasted. Live It Up 99' maybe? Dallas (when is the peace corp coming?), Scott, Max (see u in grad school?), Prom, and Chuck, I had a lot of fun living next to you guys, and that goes to all of Gold Coast, Phil, Tedaz, Cam, Seger, Jamie, Jeff, Dirtbag, Scott. And I can't forget Mike R, Rorry, Pat, Jochen, Biggie Stix, V-Dog, Josh K, Jake B, Muffin (sorry Paul), Ju-Gregga, Brad, Jason, Ezra, Gordy, Mason, 99 GC Chris M & Jamie K, most 99 CE majors. My rats, I wish you all Good Luck and I hope we will get to hang out in the future. I am going to miss you all. Anyone I forgot, thanks.

John F. Boland
Sterling, VA

Buck, Uncle Buck, Yeti, MFB
Air Force ~ History

Five years ago, who would have thought I wo wind up at VMI. When I would tell my former h school teachers that I was not only in college bu VMI they would respond with comments like, "Yo or "Its good to see you finally got your life back track." I never really knew I was off track. It ho been easy, but as a dear friend of mine told me was going through the process of getting in, "i which does not kill you, just makes you stronge had to tell myself that a number of times over last four years, however I must amend that quote VMI. "That which does not kill you at VMI, just mo you wish it had."

I must now go through the obligatory thank y spiel. Thanks to my dykes Wes, Geof, and Dat. made it tough, but memorable. I have known y guys my whole life, and VMI has shown me a li more than I needed to know about you. Nasty! To You have been a big influence on my time her know you're glad its over Mom and Dad: You c now retire. Your work is done. I can't begin to th you enough for allowing me the opportunity to to college. Pervert Corner: Love you guys. To rats: You have done well. Cherish these times w your friends. It will be over before you know it. Le from your BR's mistakes, you will be thankful in end. Room 114 As the Buffet song goes, "If weren't all crazy, we would all go insane." You made it real. I will never have a more surreal expe

Dykes
1996 - Brian Mitchell
2002 - Steve Ward

Dykes
1996 - Rick Parrish
2002 - Daniel Dean, Chris Brander

Dykes
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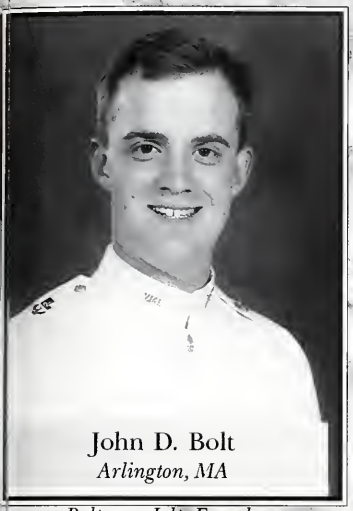
2002 - Nate Leiberum

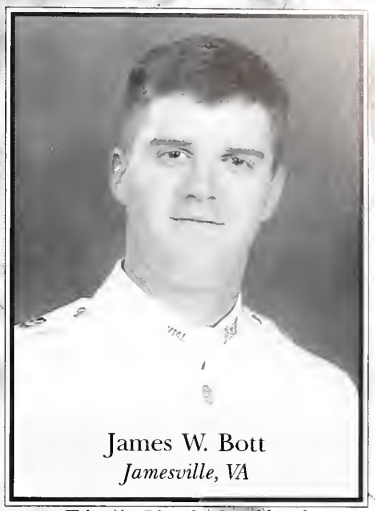


John D. Bolt
Arlington, MA

Bolteroo, Jolt, Frenchy
Marines ~ History

"On ne peut voir qu'avec le coeur. L'essentiel est isible pour les yeux." -Antoine de St. Exupery
I owe my survival here largely to the love, prayers, d support of my family, who always listened and sported me when times were hard; without them, ould not be where I am today. I would also like to nk all otyher friends who have helped mer while I s here. To all of you, your thoughtrs and support ve meant more than you can imagine. I feel that ll was the right choice for me although my feelrs for it has been a rollercoaster of emotion. Dete all my doubts and feasr, I have survived and arned so much more about myself than I ever ought possible in four years. I hope that some of ir reasons I came here and the lessons I learned, not be lost for others to come in the changes d compromises being made. VMI has taught me ne lessons, but I have learned more from my frinds e in our long struggle. I have had some of the y best times with you and look forward to many re. Rats of 128, I wish you the best of luck getting t of here. We are proud of you. Thank you class '99. I have found among you some of the best nds I will ever know.
"We were all inmates of one place...
In quiet we learn'd to dwell;My very chains and I w friends, So much a long communion tends
To make us what we are: --even I Regain'd my edom with a sigh" -Lord Byron

Dykes
1996 - Josh Lewis
2002 - Rich Donohue, Adam Soller

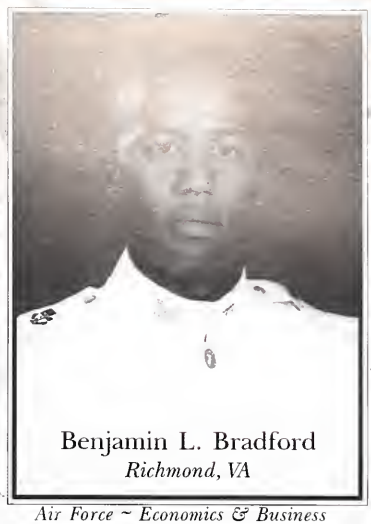


James W. Bott
Jamesville, VA

Triscuit, Biscuit, Crackhead
Army ~ Civil Engineering

I'm not really sure how this "city boy" from Richmond managed to get along with Wescott the "eastern shore redneck" so well for four years. Rat year I soon found out about Wescott's study habits and how he liked to stay up till the wee hours of the morn doing whatever it is that CE's do. However, Wescott would gladly put down the books to go out drinking even if it meant not showering or changing his sheets. Snowshoe was fun watching the alcoholic injure himself and then proceed to drink himself into oblivion! Third class year bought "Matt-tie" and "ogre" into the picture and that's when the real trouble started! Wescott's truck hiding uptown was a great luxury for trips to Charlottesville to see his boys. We all managed to keep our BAC's up especially on our week to the Bahamas. Five guys with the "Bahama mamas" is never a pretty sight. See ond class year bought a definite improvement in the crackhead with the addition of Anne-Marie. She managed to sober him up for the most part and keep him in line. Between her, the honor court and his 4.something GPA wescott managed to stay busy. And this brings us to first class year. Still as immature as ever, but now with rats to beat up on!! Indiana was great, but god your golf game sucks and so does your driving! Good luck out there with Anne Marie and your new truck(if you ever get it!)

Dykes
1996 - Josh Olson
2002 - Heidi Mason, Harry Montoro



Benjamin L. Bradford
Richmond, VA

Air Force ~ Economics & Business

It has been a long road. I would like to thank my family, especially my mother for being there for me when I needed it. I know I put you through some hard times my rat year but I am glad that you kept pushing me. I also want to think my wonderful fiance Jenny. I know the road has been tough on you and I want you to know how much I appreciate you for sticking through it. It takes a special person to do what you did I love you and look forward to our future. To all my friends here at VMI, I wish you the best of luck and I hope I see you around. Once again, to my family and Jenny, thanks for everything. I couldn't have made it without you

Dykes
1996 - John Buchanan
2002 - Abraham Hughes, Brendan Fitzpatrick

Sidney J. Brandon III
Dundas, VA

Ogre, Graveyard O'Malley
Army ~ Mechanical Engineering

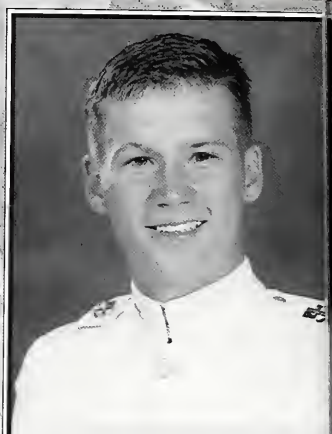
How the hell is one to explain the mystical Ogre??? I remember the first time I met him and my initial reaction was please don't squash me! He never managed to, but he damn sure tried third class year. I might be the most immature one in the room, but it's never too hard to convince Ogre to come to the Palms or just to goof around all night. I mean seriously how hard can it be to design a heat exchanger?? Third Class year we had the great Bahamas trip where Jordan picked up a few interesting habits. We had our occasional run-in at his lake house, which was always a blast, that is the times I remember!! Second class year I decided to vacate for a semester, but I guess Ogre couldn't handle my absence since his sorry ass went over to England that summer. Oxford, Scotland and Ireland were all good memories. Wait, never mind, neither one of us remembers Scotland!! In Ireland Jordan decided to pay a "special" visit to some of his long lost relatives! Way to go "O'Malley"!! Where the hell can I get a good pint of Guinness anyway?? Which brings us to first class year. The ME life has not been easy and I guess it won't end soon since Captain Kangaroo has informed us we will be living together next year at VT. Well I guess time will tell!! Whatever happens I can always count on Ogre to try and blow something up (or try and eat it) and I always find someone almost as immature as me only just a tad bit bigger!

Joel J. Britt
Franklin, VA

Jake
Army ~ Economics & Business

I don't why I chose VMI. Something attracted me to this school. I've always felt that I had to prove something to myself as well as to the people around me. Finally, I've learned that I don't have to prove myself to anyone. In my four years at this institution I have grown. I have grown to love it and I've grown to hate it. Hating this place was easy to do. Loving it comes with time. I'd like to thank my family for always being there to hear me complain and for the support they have given me over the last four years. Allan, Mom, Landon, Gram-Gram, and Sadie; I love you all more than words can say. Dad, thanks for all the lessons you've taught me. I love you very much. Bubba, this one's for you, thanks for looking out for me. I love you. Marty and Will, I hope I taught you well. Take care and good luck.

Mike, I can't put into words what we've been through. Let's keep it up. Matt and Conor; words can't describe our friendship. I just hope and pray that our good times will continue. Stix, Debo, Joch, Muffin, V-Dog, Berg, Kling, Leroy, O'toole, Jeff C., and everyone else that made this place tolerable, I love you guys. Let's keep partyin'. Thanks for the lessons, thanks for the memories, but most of all, thanks for thebrotherhood. Ralph Waldo Emerson



Jason M. Brown
Chester, VA

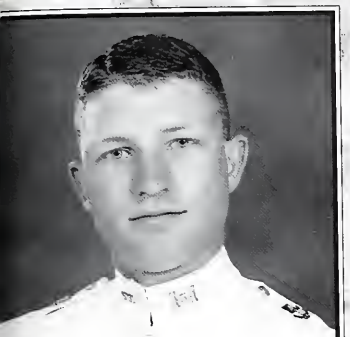
Doo Doo
Army ~ Biology

Well it looks like I have to make this short sweet. This has to be turned in a few minutes or really just avoiding the PT's for it being late. A you who know me know that I'm far from the m cadet. I've been straight permit worm since 3rd year and I have no regrets at all. Sports Med has been a pleasure. I have to thank Lanc being a cool boss through the years. I also give respect to all the athletes, especially football, work hard everyday trying to make something of our programs. All of you on the hill have m spect too. You just do things a little different t all. I'm just glad to be getting out of here thou hope all this pays off in the long run too cause it has been a pain. I think it will. To my rats, you hang there and try to make the best of this pl Keep your grades up cause that's an important t to carry away from here. I want to thank God aunt and uncle, my sisters and my lady for b there for me always. Lastly, I want to say peac all my good friends here, especially those who h seen me change through these past few years. helped make the Notorious Doo Dao who he is day. I just want to be remembered as a good who was friendly to everyone, cause that's me. living live with no worries!

Dykes
1996 - Tim Brock
2002 - Brad Brickhouse

Dykes
1996 - Josh Hawkins
2002 - Angelica Martinez, Will Blythe

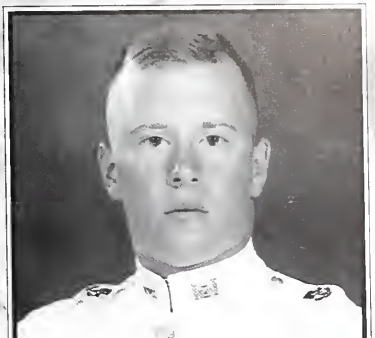
Dykes
1996 - Joe Escalante
2002 - Nick Kron, John Whitworth, Jos Screiber-Schoonyan



Paul A. Brown
Sperryville, VA

Muffin, Shortie, Penguin
Air Force ~ Civil Engineering

My four years here at the institute have been an xperience to say the least, but I can remember ore good experiences than I can bad ones. I have ade the best friends that person could possibly ave, and my thanks goes out to all of them for all of e help that they have given to me. I definitely ould not have made it if it were not for all of them. hank to all of you guys for all of the good times and r getting me through the bad times. These four ears will definitely not be forgotten.



Randy L. Brown
Buchanan, VA

Redneck, King of the X
Air Force ~ Mechanical Engineering

A lot has happened since I matriculated here August 21. From wrestling as a rat to cheerleading as a first classmen, I have cherished most of my experiences at VMI, and then there are some I would like to soon forget, like my near dismissal, most of you know what I am referring to. VMI has done for me what no other college in the country could have done, made me grow up. To my roommates, we have built a friendship that will last a lifetime. To Keith, or shall I say Tiger Woods, I have faith that you will keep what is left of your hair until you are at least 23. To the Yankee in the room, I know it must suck to be a "tawnie" and run the block every night to go see your fiancé. Anyway, I hope that your love for Holly will last a lifetime. Seriously, our times at VMI have been some of the best of my life and I will always hold them close to my heart. I feel like both of you are family and I hope that we will always stay in touch. Dave and Jerimiah, you are like my little brothers. I hope that you will build the same kind of friendships here that I have. You still have a long road ahead of you but I want you to cherish each step of the way. I couldn't have asked for better rats and Dave, stay away from the porn. Mom and Dad, I know I let you down last year but thanks to you, I put that behind me and made first class year my best yet. You have stood behind me every step of the way, and I will always love you for it. To my brother, what can I say except you're the best!

Gregory T. Bryant
Rockville, VA

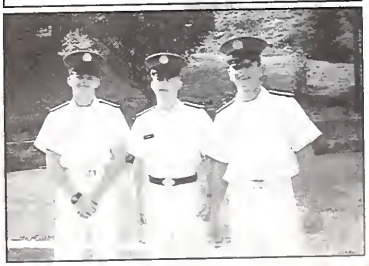
GT, Mustang
Air Force ~ Psychology

First of all, I would like to thank my parents for their love and support throughout my Cadetship. The I can be a very challenging place at times and I thank all my friends and family for keeping me going. I would also like to thank Col. and Mrs. Chalkley for being a great host family. I'm glad I chose to take on VMI's structured system. It has taught me a lot about life and how to deal with stress and adversity. VMI is definitely one of the best colleges in the country. I'm proud to be a part of its ongoing history. To my BRs...I wish all of you luck in your ventures after VMI. We are well prepared for what awaits us out in the real world. I can't forget the boys of Charlie company – we had some great times – Cold Steel. To Tim and Chris...Good luck to you guys and keep the spirit.

Dykes
1996 - John Dwyer
2002 - Paul Carroll, Jenny Martin

Dykes
1996 - Shannon Hume
2002 - Dave Baber, Jerimiah Hendricks

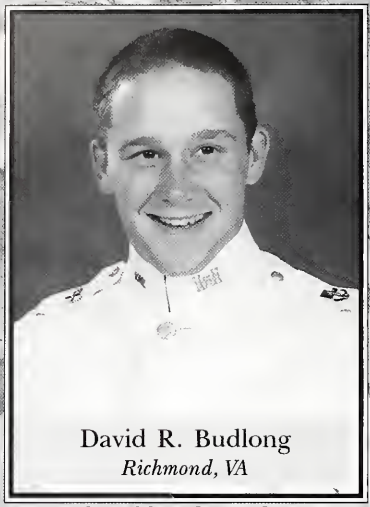
Dykes
1996 - Yong Chin Chong
2002 - Tim Brennan, Chris Kongelka



Matthew A. Bryant
Roanoke, VA

Matt, Matty
Air Force ~ Economics & Business

As I sit here at my desk I have just finished a three and a half page paper for Air Force. See the thing is that I'm not even contracted. What I'm getting at is that we have all done many pointless things here at VMI. And, I ask. For what? Yeah, I'm still looking for the answer myself. Even though I have been through this stuff, I have succeeded. I may not have gotten the best grades and I may not have ever been the best soccer player to go through VMI. But by God (and through him) I worked hard. I could not have done it without the support of my parents and my little sister to get me through the rat year. They were always there when I needed them, and I know they feel apart of them has gone through this with me. I am more appreciative than words could do justice. Especially for them going above and beyond what they needed to provide for me. So Mom and Dad thanks, but that does not even begin to cover it. To my little sister Jen, everybody always knew you were the smart one. I know you will do well with whatever you do. Also, to Amy. Who by the time you get to read this you will be my fiancé. Baby, thank you for always being there and understanding just what I needed. You mean the world to me, and I'm so glad I'm going to spend the rest of my life with you. Aim, you made this place a bit more bearable just by the sound of your voice. Finally to my roommates, I could not ask for better people to live with. What really matters is that we take with us the good times.

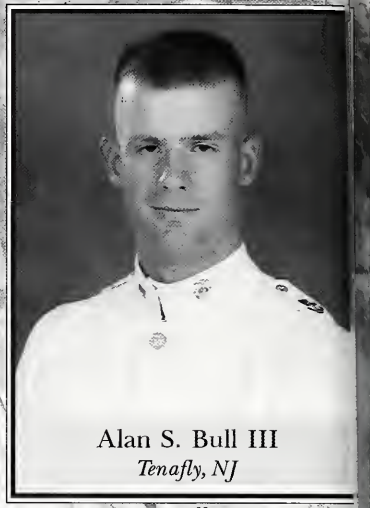


David R. Budlong
Richmond, VA

Bud, Bud-lo, White Lightning
Air Force ~ History

First off, I would like to thank God for all of the blessings He has given me to this point in my life. Without You, I would never have done everything. Shirley and Don, you know you are the best parents in the world. Dad, I will never forget our "driveway" talk and I will always appreciate your honesty, period. Shirley, thank you for your "20" questions although I may not have showed it all the time. Smell, Don, D and Squirt, thank you all for the positive things you had to say to me whenever I looked down and out.

To the FELLAS: Ogre, Dough-Boy, Senor, Jay, Bull- thanks for the support. Mel, thanks for sticking with me through everything and always being there whenever I showed up. Uncle Al, I will try to remember all of the words of wisdom you gave me over the years- Thank You. And for all of my BOYS here: Del, Dre, Bird, Taylor, Purdy, Obenchain, Big Whit, Jackie, Red Herrin, G-Ball, Macn- the years have produced many memories, hopefully we'll keep up after it's all said and done. Michael Jackson, wow, a lot of memories from 297 and I know we will keep in touch and keep it real. There have been many ups and downs along the way, but through it all I have grown stronger. VMI has given me many opportunites although I may not have seen it right away. To Jerry Rice, keep your head up, keep a good attitude about this place my man, and you will be just fine. It's time now to go out and experience life to the fullest. Hasta lasagna, don't get any on ya. Peace



Alan S. Bull III
Tenafly, NJ

Bull
Marines ~ Mechanical Engineering

It has been a long trip since rat year especial since I've been on confinement for a great deal o my cadetship. It hasn't been all bad, I've met a lo of great friends and learned a great deal. I've learned to keep forging ahead even when every thing seems to be against you. My roommates an BR's in Brava have always been their and I will mis them all come graduation. My next door neighbor have always been their for a great laugh. I wis everyone the best and God speed.

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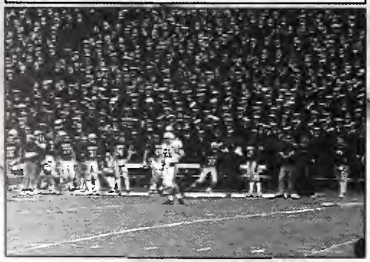
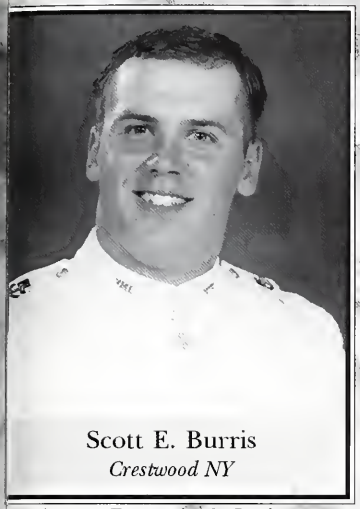
1996 - Shawn Callahan
2002 - Tim Cole, Jacob Ratchford, Jon Simmons

Dyke
1996 - Grey Lane
2002 - Jarrett Rice



Dykes
1996 - Jim Tingley



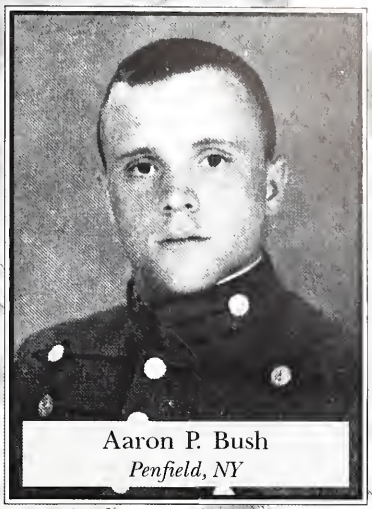
Scott E. Burris
Crestwood NY

Army ~ Economics & Business

Thanks Mom and Dad for everything! Without the
vo of you, your support, and love I never would of
ade it through here! You two are the greatest! Keri,
anks for always being there for me, and for the all
ookies you have sent me! Jim, you told me I would
ake it, and I did, thanks for everything!

Chuck, you're the voice of reason. You defi-
tely added color to the room, but most impor-
ntly you're a true friend! Max, you're the only per-
n I know that sleeps all day and stays up all night
purpose! You tell the best stories and have kept
e laughing for four years! You're a great friend!
at, you came here speaking no english, and now
u never shut up! Dollas, all I can say is thank you for
verything! Without you I never would of made it!
rough the good and bad times you were always
ere! Thanks D...you're a true friend and a great
ud! And always remember "a mind is a terrible thing
waste!" Max, D, Chuck, and Oot thanks for put-
ng up with me and for all the good times! Who can
rget transom football at 3am, giving CPR to those
no needed it, The DoJo, the long nights studying,
e law GPA's, and racing back from Sweet Briar!!!
ut we made it!!! Billy, Joke, and Goose you guys are
e greatest, and definitely know how to party!!! Can't
rget my 21st b-day with Mirv, Cliff, and Gene!! Stu,
ana, and big John you guys taught me everything I
now, thanks for everything!! To everyone in
oldcoast...we always had fun!! And to anyone I
ight f left out, thank you!

Dykes
1996 - Stu Holt
2002 - Tyler Summers, Neil Mellon



Aaron P. Bush
Penfield, NY

Bushy, La Bush, AP, Piggy
Army ~ History

I never thought the God send of a day would come, when I could finally say the past four years are finally in the past Each year here at VMI I learned something about myself and my friends.And now for the men who made VMI an experience beyond belief. Ki Hawk-even though you're stellar academics brought you to foreign Universities third class year, I thank you for your constant support. I will never forget your ability to make someone feel better and I am thankful for the opportunity to have you as one of my best friends. Cope- What can I say, you are a friend and a brother, your laid back easy going outlook on life kept me sane throughout. Ned-"I don't think words can explain you.You have been my pale for the last four years and over the years you have become the little brother I never had. I have never met someone more willing to help anyone, you are the best pale thanx for putting up with me. here's to: proofreading, Dayton, "I'm gonna gut you boy", trying to boil me up. Rem Dog. "Just stay it will get better" here's to keeping you here! Syracuse, lax, MBC, the same girl, W&L, purple sweater and orange fleece, wanted, why did you hit him in the stomach? your a great person and I am honored to know that we are friends until the end. Finally, my mom and dad: I can't explain in words what you mean to me. You raised me to be a strong person and the lessons you have taught me I will always cherish. I love you all.

Dykes
1996 - Chris Feltman
2002 - Matt Blanchette, Ben Midura

J. Lyle Camblos IV
Charlottesville, VA

Tunes, Loons, Sloppy
Army ~ Economics & Business

Lyle is a very trustworthy individual that has a heart of gold. He is easy to get along with and fun just to be around. There were many times in my cadetship that Lyle would come through and make all troubles seem meaningless and unimportant. These are the qualities of a true friend of which most people don't realize. I respect Lyle the most for being himself and doing whatever he pleased. When we come back for our class reunions and I see Lyle with his pants fitting loosely, hair going in all directions, and a slightly crooked smile on his face, this will be the Lyle Camblos that I will always remember. -Nige. Sloppy, I know you will go far in life as long as you don't end up in jail first. I would probably change a lot of things from the last 3 years if I could, but living with you is not one of them. -Skippy

I've trudged through VMI for the past three years and now my time here is almost done. I've had some really good times here along with the bad "What doesn't kill you just makes you stronger." Yeah...right. I think it's just made me bitter. Numerous thanks to the best friends I've ever had that have helped me make it through. Mom & Dad...what can I say? If it weren't for your unending love and support I wouldn't be at this point in my life either. I truly thank and love you always. And to Erin...You have stuck through this mess always. I can't begin to express how much your love has helped me through the worst of all of it. I am forever in debt to you for everything and...I'll love you forever...I'm out!

Dykes
1996 - Ron Heimberg
2002 - Lance Rankin, Chad Leo

James P. Campbell
Buena Vista, VA

Buffalo
Army ~ Civil Engineering

Once again it is past midnight, that sums up my VMI experience - Procrastination. Mom and Dad, I want to thank you for everything you have done for me. If it was not for your love, support, and understanding, I would not have been able to make it. I appreciate the way you have raised me and the things you have instilled in me. Lacey, you mean more to me than words can express, but I'll try. Thanks for always being thereYour love and devotion has been a real blessing in my life, and I can't imagine a day without you. If it wasn't for you, I might have turned out like my friends. Just kidding boys. My experiences with you'll have taught me a lot about life. I hope we all can get together once in a while and remember times past. Third class year was a warm up, but I'm glad we kept our co-matriculants entertained. Room 337 Campbell vs. Marrone (fatty) Battle Royals were fun, but painful. Trube, I've had to endure 3 years of snoring with you, roll over! Second class year- it is all so blurry. Oh yeah that year when I inducted myself into the #1 club and tried to become a professional stuntman in Greensboro. What's in store for the final year? Wright, stay away from the GoldRush, by the way, have you ever been 128 before--->oops! Eads, don't forget how to do personal workout in your bar...I mean Bronco. Rats, good luck and do us proud. Take it one day at a time and learn as you go. Goodbye VMI, you've been a living hell to me.

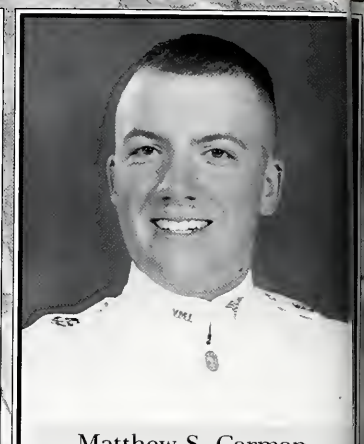
Dykes
1996 - John McElroy
2002 - Mike McCormick

T. Coley Campbell
Mount Holly, NC

Tommy Boy, Tiny Paws, Fallstaff
Army ~ History

Well the battles over. The past four years have been an experience which I cannot put into words. Mom what can I say, I feel like you have been through the whole experience with me. You have pushed me throughout my whole life, thank you for not letting me settle for second best, I love you. Dad first of all you made me come here. At the time I complained and often blamed my troubles on you but now with graduation nearing I thank you. I now feel confident stepping out into the world, that both you and Mom were right! To my sister thanks for all the positive comments and always convincing me that VMI was the right thing to do. Jamie well we made it! I can never put into words what it has meant to me that you stood by me through these past four years. You're my girlfriend but most importantly my best friend, thanks for always being there, I love you. To S-14 (Jeremy and Mike) thanks for always being chill. To my rats, Alexander, Sean, Johnathan Wade, and Ty look out for each other, be smart and this experience will be over before you know it. Court we're from the same soil, it means a lot up here in Virginia, and so does our friendship thanks for the loyalty. To room 120; Jeremy we have known each other since day one, you never complained regardless of the situation and that is what I admire the most about you. Dale what can I say you are the funniest person I know. Patrick, my best friend, you are the smartest guy I know and I have great confidence in what the future holds for you.

Dykes
1996 - John Miller, Jayson Stutts
1999 - Alexander Ayers, Ty Williams

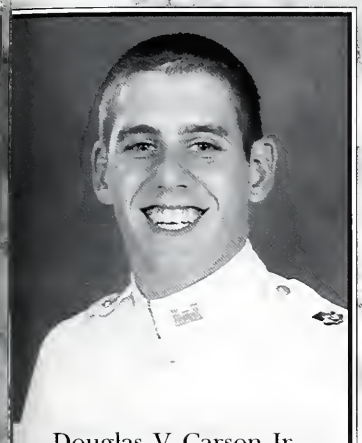


Matthew S. Carman
Allentown, PA.

Army ~ Biology

All I can say is "wow". This has been an expe ence I will remember for the rest of my life. I s remember the moment I walked through the ar as a Rat, it seems like it was just yesterday. I ha had so many stories from here I could go on forev All that I know is I am very proud to have gone he and every moment either good or bad was de nitely worth it. I have so many people to thank f this great experience. First off I have to thank r dyke Chris- with out you I would have never mad it through my Rat year. To the room of 167-Lee a Jason you guys are the best friends I have had her We have been through thick and thin and have su vived through it all. Lee-We began our friendsh Rat year and it has grown ever since. From the tri to Sweet Briar to the memorable Parents Weeken I know you will do very well in whatever you decid to do. Jason-from the time you became a memb of this room you have become a great friend. Eve when you threaten to buy out my debts. I kno that when we meet again after graduation you w have succeeded the most out of any of us. Kris...I love you very much. You have been my insp ration and motivation every day. And finally to th Rats. Virginia-Never forget the lessons we hav taught you. You have done very well..now don stop, keep it up. Just remember that when thing get bad to keep smiling. Casey, Kevin, and Ton You guys have been great. Keep up the good wo while we are away having fun.

Dykes
1996 - Chris Eddy
2002 - Virginia Upham

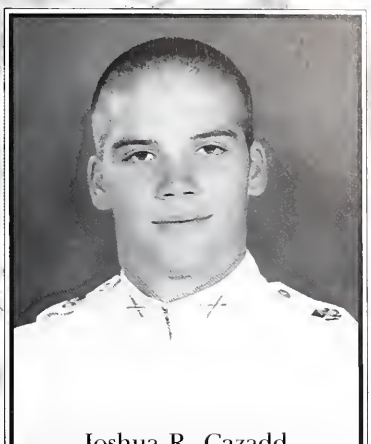


Douglas V. Carson Jr.
Chesapeake, VA.

V, Dirt Bag, Van Vader
Army ~ Electrical Engineering

The past four years here have flown. The days ere are the longest but the weeks slip by. All that latters is that I am outta here very shortly. VMI efies all laws of logic. You have the worst time of our life here, but at the same time, somewhere eep, you love it. I want to start off thanking Mom nd Dad for making these four years possible and eing there when it seemed like I just wanted to give p. I wouldn't have made it without you. I want to so thank the following people, I know I'll leave out ome people, sorry: Laura for all the support rat year, od Beard for introducing me to this place...thanx, e army dept for letting me realize the military sucks, A Tech for the countless good times, Maj. Volant for oking me up with an alcohol no. 1, Jim Wrenn and ndy Clarke for sticking their noses where they didn't elong (no. 4) and the OGA for not doing anything bout it. Crozet for getting me out of every military uty, Tim Stork for the times up at the "wall problem", thanx for giving me something you'll never get ack, the EE dept for always giving me the shaft, cott, if it weren't for the Hornsby's we would not be ommates today, after you serve your term look e up, hope you get that Harley and make it to loska, J.P. thanx for all the experiences we shared, et out of the Army soon and we'll start that night ub, Patrick, thanx for being my punching bag, thanx r being the voice of reason, even if it was a Beverly ills voice. To the Rats, goodluck, remember grades eep you here, study hard and suck it up.

Dykes
1996 - Geoff Weidner
2002 - Ryan Spradlin



Joshua R. Cazadd
Jackson, CA

Bully, Snoop Dog, Crash
Navy ~ History

Thank you God for your grace and your patience with me. Where should I begin with my life here at the PRISON The best year that I had here was rat year when the administration did not screw the cadets with the most minor of offenses which most of them are unfair anyways. I had no idea what I was getting into when I came here as a rat but I knew that I could and would not quit. I made a lot of friends here and had some great times of which I will never forget. Living with Bags and Phil in the "crack house" was one of the best times I have ever had. Making the road trip up to Indiana with Bags and Wolfe dog was an unforgettable time even though I don't know how we made it up there(420). I have also had the worst times of my life here which was included all of second class year. An alcohol number one on the first night back doesn't help. The only great thing that came out of that year was how close it brought me to my family. First class year brought me some great roomates. Paul and Mike, thanks for everything and I know we will be making some more great memories this year. To my dyke, you have always been there for me. You da man. And finally to my rat, John, you will make it through this place and if you ever need anything, I'm there for you. To Jorgy, and Phil, my two other brothers, thanks for everything Mom, dad, and Jason, thank you for your love and support. I love you. We will be home with Athena soon.

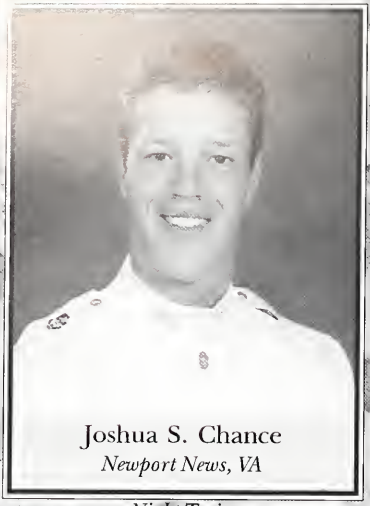
Dykes
1996 - Phil Alicea
2002 - John Krezminski.

Michael J. Chapman
Roseville, CA

Army ~ History

I owe a great deal of thanks to my parents and grandparents for helping me get through VMI. I will always be grateful to my friends for putting up with me, I don't even think I could stand myself for too long. Most of all I want to thank God for giving me what I never deserved, I pray that my life reflects His glory.

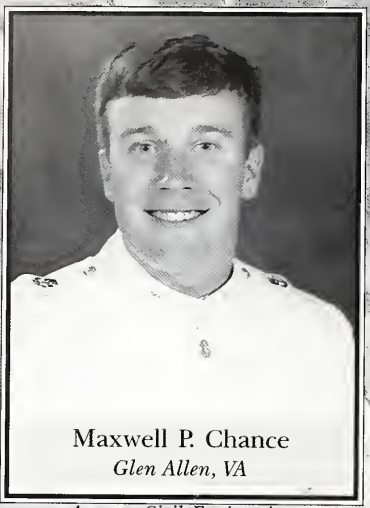
I believe I have received an excellent education that has opened my eyes to everything around me, especially VMI. VMI reassures itself of a noble future by exaggerating and glorifying its past. Yet the beliefs and traditions that it espouses only make the institution an anachronism. The Virginia Military Institute claims to produce citizens to protect this nation from any enemy, but it cannot let its greatest enemy become ignorance, the root of all conflict.



Joshua S. Chance
Newport News, VA

Night Train
Marines ~ History

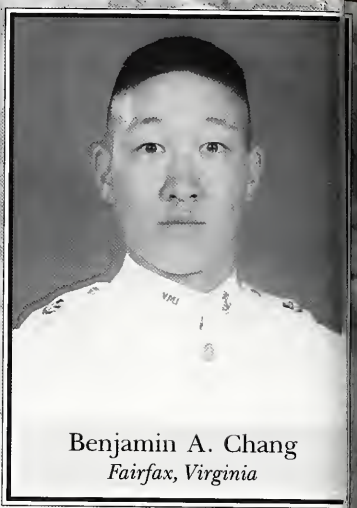
I never imagined it. The first week was an eye opener. Not much care for anything. Thrown into something I told myself I needed and assured my parents that everything would be ok. They agreed but still had their doubts. I'm sure they still have their doubts. They always say that it will be a miracle. It came from the younger, no care attitude that got me through everything. I still don't, but not nearly as bad. They've made me a military man now though. I learned a lot about personal appearance. Thanks to the lady on the left, she kept the style I wanted. I want to give a special thanks to our power on the Sea. I've had an interesting twelve semesters of your pointless class. Sorry I didn't get a commission, maybe I'll come back and get one. No, maybe not. I want to send a special thanks to Danny and Charlie. I appreciate you leaving me here on the weekends. I had a really good semester my first class year. I don't even care though, I will be done before yall. Never thought that would happen. I also want to mention Allison. She's stuck by my side for three years at the Institute. She sat at football games she didn't want to and waited for me to be able to leave. Love you. I want to say that I'm definitely glad it's over. It's been tough, but an experience. An experience that I will never forget. For its good and bad.



Maxwell P. Chance
Glen Allen, VA

Army ~ Civil Engineering

Four long years have gone by.....and I was asleep for 2 of those years according to my roommates. Well, I have to say that I would have never made it through this place without the help of a multitude of people. I want to thank my parents for being such great parents and great friends. Mom and Dad, you were always there for me during the best and the worst, with encouraging words or a swift kick in the ass when needed. I want to thank my brother for always having the right words of advice about how to get through a this place. Sometimes I needed a packet dictionary to understand you Ben, but nonetheless, the advice helped. Also, having such a high standard to follow helped me stay up a little later, work a little harder, and strive for the success you so easily attain. I also want to give a special thanks to Robert H. Patterson, class of 49B. Thank you Mr. Patterson for your time and assistance in affording me the opportunity to even get into VMI. Who knows, without those recommendation letters, I could have green hair, a nose ring, and be an art student at VCU. Once again, thank you all for all you have done! Scottie, Dallas, Chuck, and Oat — I couldn't have asked for better roommates with which to spend four years. Oh, and to my rat, Jim Burket, you're supposed to wake me up for formations and parades! Good luck- your attitude and sense of humor will get you through here in no-time.



Benjamin A. Chang
Fairfax, Virginia

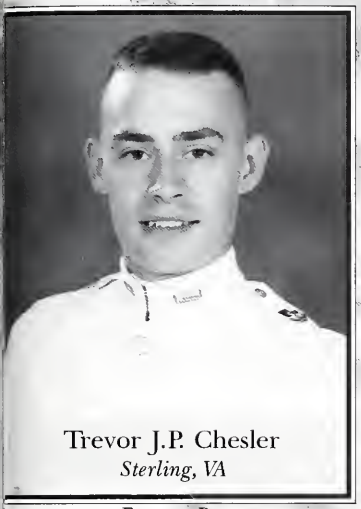
Benny Bong
Navy ~ Mechanical Engineering

Many Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Santo, Vincent ar Daniel for always caring about me. To Chaaky Cho far..well, eating all of my food and taking all of n CD's you stupid jerk. To Keri, for never giving up c me the way others have!! To Ali Mo for taking ca of the Rats. To Mike, Thank you...Na, Thank ME! Ha H Ha! Angela, I don't have any money for you borrow, Sorry. Shane, thanks for taking confidenc to a whole new level. To Linda and Eric, I love yo guys. Hey Brian and Rich, Joke Joke... Funny Funny Ha Ha!!! And to anyone else that I've forgotten, i too bad that I don't remember who you are be cause your name is not going to get mentioned. owe my life to you all. I wouldn't be here witha you. There is just one thing that I want you all t remember...AUSTIN 3:16 SAYS I JUST WHOOPED YOU @$$-Benny Bong

Dykes
1996 - Aaron Mickewcz
2002 - Darian Lafferty

Dykes
1996 - Kevin Mable
2002 - Jim Burket

Dykes
1996 - Chae Thompson
2002 - Chad Kenna, Max Whitman



Trevor J.P. Chesler
Sterling, VA

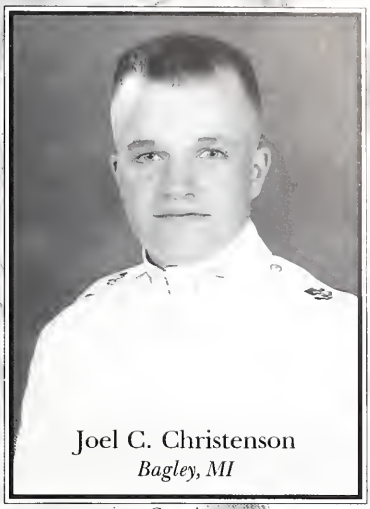
Fantasy Boy
Air Force ~ Economics & Business

To my Grandmother above, you have never seen he wear this iron gray, but yet you have helped me live these 4 years of my life, your love is eternally ith me.

To my Family, you have heard me bitch about this lace through the years, but encase you didn't no- ce, I never quit, nor did I want to. There have been ew moments in my life that I have been consistent, owever this IS ONE OF THEM! My life is incomplete ithout your support and love which all of you has iven me my whole life, I thank you. Mom and Dad ongratulations, it's a Man! To my roommates, hanks for always putting up with my shit, whether our under the sea in the air or running your own usiness I will always remember your support and iendship, even though none of you asses really rought much food in the room! Tell my mom hankyou!

To my Rats: You two nasties will be here on May 5 02, cuz I will be there to see you graduate. It is a ng gray road and can get very lonely. At times you ill become stagnant and bitter, that is when you row on you BR's. Remember what I taught you and he Priorities of this place.

Dykes
1996 - Dat Lam
2002 - Jim Cowardin, Corey Stavinoah

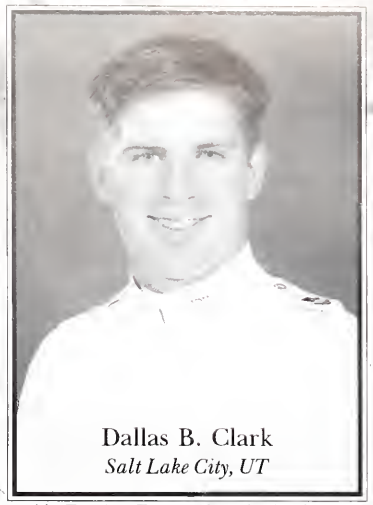


Joel C. Christenson
Bagley, MI

Cranium
Air Force ~ International Studies

I thank God for the opportunity to attend VMI. Heaven knows I wouldn't have made it here without His guidance. Mom, Dad — I love you both dearly. You've shown me what it is to grow up knowing right, loving and trusting God, and relying on family in the best and worst of times. You've seen me through both kinds of times here, and given undying, loving support. I can't thank you both enough. I can only hope to be for my kids what you've been for me. Emily — Aaahhhhh...my voice of reason. I didn't think it possible, but I love you more and more each day, and I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you. You turned my life on end third class year — your example of achievement and drive somehow rubbed off and made me want to succeed here all the more. To the Commandant..the corps misses Colonel Dickson. We respected him, and he respected us. Enough said. To Eric, Chuck, and Sean — I'll miss you guys an awful lot. Jeff, you're the best. Mike, I wish you and Amarido all the best. Ale, my good friend, you're going to help me win the White House one day. Ed, Beth — best of luck. And to the Band Co. rats of '99+3, persevere. Always put forth your best effort, and you will never, ever regret coming here. I promise you that.

Dykes
1996 - John Amory Glaccum
2002 - Beth Kelley, Ed Skarda



Dallas B. Clark
Salt Lake City, UT

Air Force ~ Economics & Business

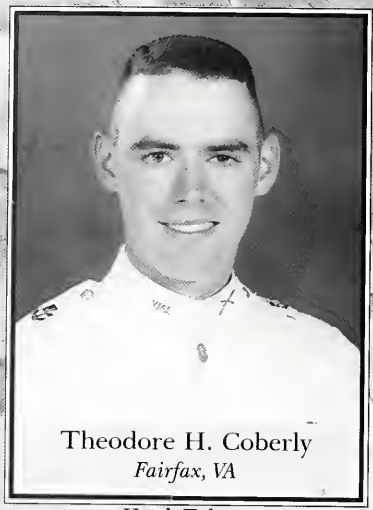
Many thanks I would like to give first and foremost to my Mother and Father. I am amazed at all that you two have done together. You both amaze me. I am so appreciative of the efforts that you have always made in looking out for my best interest. Life has been wonderful and eventful; I must thank you for that and having finally come out on top. Ezra, it has been a long road and certainly we have had our differences. It has been the best having you as my brother-brother rat. I am thankful that you have been so patient and understanding of me. Jordan, I don't know how you have done it, and then come back for a fifth. You are an inspiration to me. I don't know how you continued to work so hard through your summers and in the season. Stillman-you are my sanity. I am so glad that you made the decision to come here. I know that it is tough and the tunnel is long and dark. Keep working hard and before long you will be out of here too. Scott, I have not the words! You got me through here Buddy. Don't forget to look both ways, and never wait for the last minute to study for a test. Oat, I wonder how you have done it. You didn't speak a word of English and still did better than me. I have seen you work so hard and put in some crazy hours to have success. Charlie, different is good, but crazy like you is not normal. Max, where the...how in the...your humor has been the best. You have provided hours of entertainment to us while you were awake here at VMI.

Dykes
1996 - Stu Holt
2002 - Scott Chalkley, Zach Batte

Ezra W. Clark
Salt Lake City, UT

Air Force ~ Economics & Business

As I look back at my years well spent at VMI I want to first and foremost thank my Heavenly Father for having blessed me with parents who have never doubted me when I thought all was coming to an end. Mom and dad I thank you far your continuous support given to me year after year is matchless. Your frequent visits, long and distant from home became a priority. To my brothers and sisters at home, thanks for your support in the past and to this very day. Desi, Jasmine, Amberlee you all have gone beyond the call of duty for me. Thanks. Dallas, through it all, you supported and put up with my innumerable faults. Thanks for your patience, hard work and love for the truth. I love being by your side. Jordan, you deserve the best that life has to offer anyone. Your desire and will to keep going when there was no light at the end is to be commended. Stillman, I wish you the best as you finish up here. You have impressed me with your self-made desire and will to be on top. Just remember "It ain't easy being ___" "Miss Grace Gadiva". You have touched me like none other. I will always treasure our friendship that is being built like a ship, designed to take on all the elements. Are we like two ships passing in the night? Hardly. We fit like a glove. The memories we built and will build will forever last and remain with me. I can't wait to see what the future holds for you. All I know is you will get what you want. Thanks for being there for me and know I am here for you, because "I Won't Leave You Lonely".



Theodore H. Coberly
Fairfax, VA

Head, Ted-azz
Army ~ Economics & Business

Looking back at three and a half years is very difficult. This school has undergone many changes but then again, so have we. I would like to thank and recognize my family far giving me the space I needed to grow. I learned a lot of tough lessons at VMI (a lot of them dealing with the opposite sex) but I know I am a better person for it, and a stronger one. Nobody stays at VMI because they like the place, they stay (or leave) because of the people they meet while here. I don't even know where to begin to mention all the friends and yes even Brother Rats that I have made here. Roommates, what can I say? From Cincinnati to Fairfax we were together. In an institution of brotherhood, you all meant more to me than that.

To my friends in the VMI class of 99 and my brothers in Gold Coast, it's not often that a group of men such as us assemble in a place like VMI. I think that it is not too much to expect great things from us. Only time will tell. I'd like to end by paraphrasing some words I heard at my sister's Phi-Beta-Kappa initiation...

I know that we will all do well, but I hope we all do good.

Christopher A. Colbow
Daytona Beach, FL

Air Force ~ International Studies

I have been on crack for the last four years. We dered why I ever started, tried to stop, but couldn Thought I would not make it. Wanted to give in. could hear them coming. Everything was a co spiracy, but now I see the light at the other end the tunnel, and this time I am really going to qu Peace to my boys, you know who you are, an remember, CARPE DIEM.

Dykes
1996 - Cliff Weddington
2002 - Mark Grigsby, David Kocker

Dykes
1996 - Ethan Astor
2002 - Tom Schillo

Dykes
2002 - Oliver Ruiz

Thomas E. Collins
Wytheville, VA.

Tom, Tom Thumb, Henry Rollins
Air Force ~ Biology

ooking back over my journey here at the "I", I myself reflecting on the numerous hurdles that I e had to cross to reach the peak that I now rest n. VMI has taught me many hard lessons that the os of Tech and UVa will never understand. As I der what I should write, I feel that I should men- the guys that have always been there to sup- me. To my roommates, O'Toole, Stephens, and t; I appreciate all the great times we've shared ether. The four years as Brother Rats and the e as roommates have been unforgettable, for- ately the bones and bruises are finally beginning eal. The late night bullshit sessions and spur of the nent trips have been great. To the guys next r, we may be beginning to travel down separate ds, but I hope they don't separate our friendship. mus, you take everything, but you give back r humor. I just hope that you find a job in the y that can support your habits. To the Rats of I wish all of you the best. Remember the lessons have taught you and enjoy each day to its full- you never know what tomorrow holds for you. ly, I would like to thank my family, who has made trip possible. You have always given me the ouragement and morale support that is so nee ary to escape this Institute.

Dykes
1996 - Scott Shropshire
2002 - Frank Slavin

Michael J.Condon
Midlothian, VA.

Mike
Army ~ Electrical Engineering

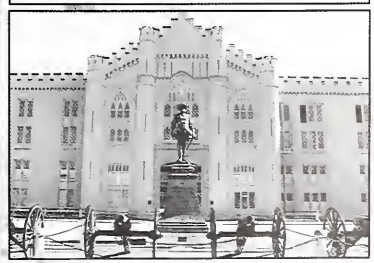
Two Roads diverged in a yellow wood.
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And I looked down at one as far as I could
To where I bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the on less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

Dykes
1996 - Paul Dickenson
2002 - Angela Vizzi

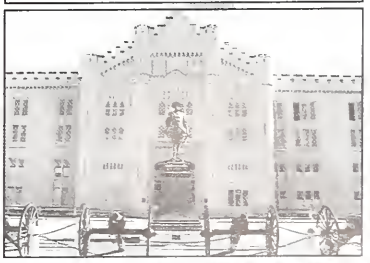


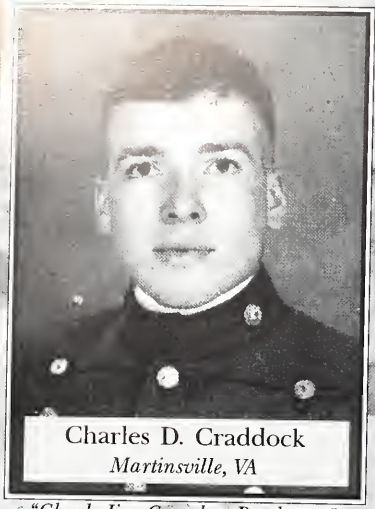
Christopher D. Copenhaver
Roanoke, VA

Cope, Copen-shaver, Copeious
Army ~ Economics & Business

I would like to start off by saying that my stay here at VMI has been...different. I can't believe that the end is near and soon we'll all be on permanent furlough. Through out the four years here I have made many voluable friendships. I first would like to start with my room-mates. Aaron Polly Bush, I would like to say that I could not have found a better person to pick to room with. Your strict determination and persistence is something that I'll be spending the rest of my life trying to emulate. Ki, your moving into the room, second class year, has brought a lot of good times. Even when you started in with the fat jokes. Then there is Ned. I would have never thought that the kid that was jumping across the stage during the RDC meeting would one day be my roommate. Ned you have left me with many "Ned stories". They range from you beating the sh** out of the trash can during a late night study break down to you going head to head with Cal. Joyner after being caught hiding behind the desk. Ned you have the priceless talent of taking a really bad day and making it good. Your out look on life and your views on the "way things should be" are memories that I will always remember. Room 103 is probably one of the most diverse rooms in barrack and I had the privilege of being apart of it. These friendships will be the only things that I'll miss about VMI. To our rats Paul, Matt, Shawn, & Ben: Take things one day at a time, stay on top of you academics, don't become a VMI dork, and be good to your dykes.

Dykes
1996 - Quinn Emmick
2002 - Paul Murphy





Charles D. Craddock
Martinsville, VA

"Chuck; Jim; Coondog; Bootlegger"
Army ~ Biology

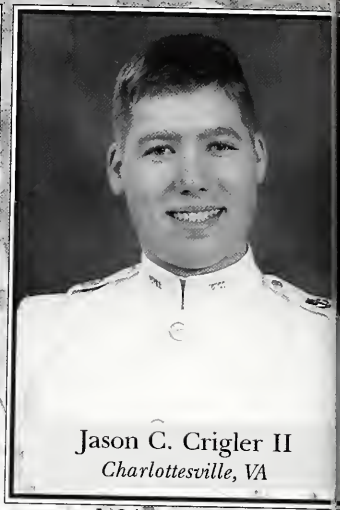
Well, it is nearly over! I never even fathomed that I would look forward to something with such intense desire. To my roommates I wish you luck next year. Liam, keep on annoying the hell out of Jack and he will use you as fishing bait some day. Jack, maintain your personal hygiene and keep on smiling. To my hunting buddies, Koss and Seldon, if you ever need a coondog, then call me up. Koss, I will see you in the working world . . . hopefully working with me. To the few guys I know that are worthy of the title "Brother Rat", I haven't forgotten you and do thank you . . . especially the WILD MAN. To my parents, I thank you for putting up with me; even though, you doubted me. Your often hostile encouragement was needed (DAD). Dawn, thanks for brightening my days and weekends while I was here. I owe you, and I merely hope to pay you back in the years to come.

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished": And he bowed his head and gave up the ghost. (John 19:30) VMI is dead. The class of 2000 will seal it up. Oh well! There will always be vermin to hunt and moonshine to make.

Jabari B. Craddock
Richmond, VA

Army ~ History

First, I would like thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who is the head of my life. I would like to thank my father the late Ellis BCraddock, who I know is looking down on me. (Your son is doing well) Special thanks to my mother Ms. Vivian R. Edwards who raised and loved me unconditionally. To my sister Janae, the smartest young lady I know, I love you. To my younger brother Kevin, keep your head up. My grandmother Mama Gladys who never forgot me. Aunt Mae & Uncle Jimmy, who know's what I would have done without your support. Mr.& Mrs. John Henry Edwards, Sr., my grandparents who were always there to give me an encouraging word. To all of my Professors thanks for working with me. To my dyke Ben Meffley. The Learning Center Staff. The Commonwealth Attorney's Office. Richmond Public School Systems. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Richmond, for their continued support. Last, but not least my Godfather Learned " Pops" Barry. When my father passed away you stepped right on in. You assumed all the roles of a father. I love you. I thank you, and may God smile upon you.



Jason C. Crigler II
Charlottesville, VA

J, Crig, Criggy Smalls
Air Force ~ Economics and Busines

In the tradition of the 1st class history, I give c to all of the people who have made these 4 y unforgettable: To my roommates John, Mac, Ry-dog, you guys are awesome and I cherish friendships. Ryan, I know God brought us toge when we met each other rat year. We have hindered and helped each other in our journe faith, and you have been a true friend and co dant. Hang in there for a few more years! To th outside of 108, it's been great getting to know e and every one of you. Thank you guys, friends you all are extremely tough to find. To Mom & D you should consider yourselves a complete suc as parents because you have 3 children who l you more than anything in this world. I can't e begin to express what your unconditional love support has meant to me. To Stuie and Kendall, have I been so blessed to have such wonderful, ing sisters? I am so proud of you both and I thank for you daily. To Jayne and Nard, Lil and Don, Sisi, the most inspiring woman I've known, Nene... Yo Kept me alive for four years with your letters. love. I will always love you and I am indebted to for your never-ending support. To Kay and Bent Rosa and Bob, Cary and Sam, and John and Ann - you all knew what this place was like (ahem... Jo and you made it much easier for me. To my r continue to work hard and make the grade. M importantly, keep the truth close to your heart always stick to what you know is right.

Phillipians 3:12-14 Romans 5:3-5

Dykes
1996 - John Bong
2002 - Teresa Chiu

Dykes
1996 - Ben Venning
2002 - Ben Meffley

Dykes
1996 - Doug Bartlett
2002 - John Fuller, Jason Taylor

Ralph W. Cromley Jr.
Jacksonville Beach, FL

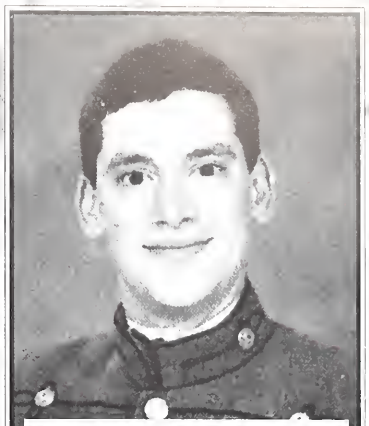
Woody, The Old Man
Army ~ History

Well here I am, and like they all say, I never thought I be writing this. At the start I didn't even know hat the Virginia Military Institute was. I had thought out going to the Citadel, but they're were in the ocess of coeducation. But when someane told e all male, military, and twelve hours away from e beach, I knew VMI was for me. First of all I'd like t thank my parents, family, and friends with all the support they have given me. Especially my parents, r putting up with all those late night apocalyptic hone calls. Next I'd have to thank my roommates, nn and Troy. I've grown to love you both as my n brothers. I really wouldn't of made it with out u guys by my side. Best of luck to the both you. e met some of the best men in the world here at MI, in the c/o 99. I know all of them, from the lowest vate to the highest ranker. Barry Acat head@ W., ur a great man, I'll see you with the green on. Mike ong Bird@ M., your going to be a great army of-ler, drink another for me. John Aslath, head@ D., I n't think I'll ever meet another like you again. e've been by each others side through the whole al. Troy@chunk@ D., from pre-strain summer to rst class year, we've been together. As much as u might not think, I couldn't of made it with out u, you've been one of my best friends. I've learned lot, I've become a man, and its time for me to ove on to the next part of my life. Good luck BR's. ood luck VMI. God bless to you all and Adon't take y wooden nickels@.

Wirt W. Cross Jr.
Hanover, VA

Wirthog, Wirtman
Army ~ Biology

Well, I came here on a track scholarship knowing next to nothing about what "VMI" meant. I'm still not that sure but I have done some pretty amazing things in my stint at the "I". I started out as the rat of the illustrious Diesel Keesel, turned into a dirtbag private, and continued to a dirtbag third, dirtbag Regimental Sargent, and finally ended up as a dirtbag Battalion Commander. Track has been the true love of my experience, and I could always look at E. B. and realize that there is always someone who has it worse than you and prove beyond doubt that "the mind can make a heaven of hell or a hell of heaven" (Paradise Lost), and that showed me how good I had it. Matt, we had a hell of a time as "live-in" W&L students, and honorary brothers of the frats. Paul, I LOVE TEXAS! and no I don't want a drink. To all my friends, thanks for standing by me from private to B.C., Mom, Dad, Meg, and Howard thanks for all the love and support. Nannie and Grandaddy, I love you and thank you for the love and prayers. Thanks to God without whom nothing is possible. Well, this place grows on you, and finally after four years I can call it home just as I'm getting ready to leave. Ronnie, keep the smile, it served me well. Lindsey, keep your chin up, this place is great, and Julia, well... um... smile, you'll fell better! Well I guess the best way to sum up 4 years, if it can be done is that there "have been good and bad times and going half mad times" Jimmy Buffett. In the end YES it WAS all worth it!



Thomas N. Cruz
Madison, VA

Army ~ Electrical Engineering

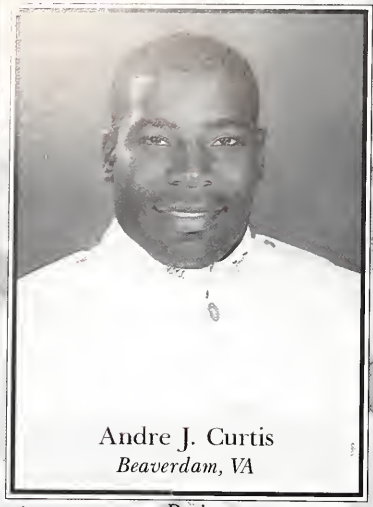
"The Institute isn't what it used to be, but then again it never was." How true.

Alright, this is my space to say whatever I want to whomever I want. So listen up, because I've got a lot to say. Right off, let me thank my parents, without whom I never would have made it through this place. They saw me through every trial and tribulation; always offering their help, which I usually (stupidly) declined. Mom, you love this place more than I ever could; Dad, you hate it more than I do. What can I say about VMI? I love and hate VMI with the passion only those who have come before me can understand. I feel lucky to have had the chance to come here, much less to graduate in May. I've been through a lot, but now that the end is in sight I can finally say that it was all worth it. You may truly be whatever you resolve to be. To all my roommates over the years: Jon, Andre, Drew, Ned, Trent, Trevor, Mike, and Kenan, thanks for putting up with my moody self. I know I can be a hard person to live with. You, and every other alumnus, are all always welcome at my home, wherever it may be. To those whom I feel have destroyed my school (you know who you are): you may be Administration or Corps, but you are all equally worthless. Leave my school. To my Rats I pass on these words of wisdom: You only live once. Live every day as though it may be your last. Don't walk out of this place with any regrets. To everybody: good luck in the really Real World. In the last words of James Thurber, "God bless, God damn."

Dykes
1996 - Wallace Inge
2002 - Travis Bailey

Dykes
1996 - Josh Keesal
2002 - Ronnie Hull, Lindsey Moran, Julia Halo

Dykes
1996- Bart Filipiak
2002- Jonathan Turner, Andy Hill



Andre J. Curtis
Beaverdam, VA

Dre'
Army ~ Economics & Business

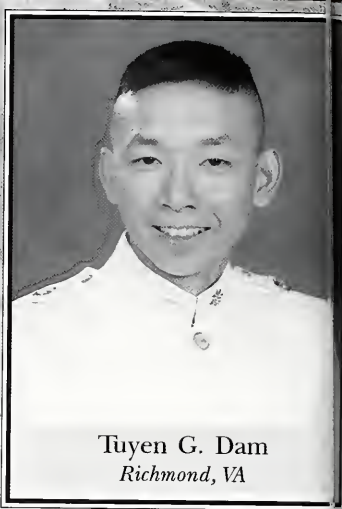
First, I'd like to give honor to God for allowing me to make it this far. I have come to the end of the road with help all along the way from my mother, father, brother, Erica, and family. I love all of you. I wouldn't have made it this far without you all. I'd like to give a shout out to my dykes--Tasha, Gena, Pia, and Angela. Y'all will make it big someday. To my boys from C22, we've been together, we've made it through thick and thin.

T-Bird, Del, Court Whit, Brent, Dre, Budlong, Parker, and Doe regardless of all the odds, we've withstood the test of time. Thanks for always being there. Before I go, I'd like to say, I'll never forget the good times and bad times with all the guys on the team I've ever played with. To all my boys, stay strong and think back on how we survived through this place.

Brian J. Curtis
Riverton, WY

Cowboy, Wyo, Flapjack
Marines ~ Mechanical Engineering

There is so many things wrong with this dump I don't know where to begin. The only question I want answered is what did VMI do with all of my money? I want to thank my family for all there support, especially my mom who is the strongest person I have ever known. To my little sis that has been with me every step of the way. To my fiancee, Courtney, who has shaped every aspect of my life, and to whom I vow to be the best husband a Jarhead can be. To my roommates Trent and Jason who are life time member of the "what a dump club". To Joe and Dan, don't take anything around here seriously, and remember "if it ain't done by taps it ain't worth doing." To my host family, Mr. And Mrs. Castle, who let me become part of their outstanding family and to whom I am internally grateful. Finally I would like to salute every Marine that has taken the time to help shape this future grunt, and I vow to carry on the tradition of the finest fighting force the world has ever seen. I hope to see most you on the front lines of the next big one, and to the rest of you stay in the rear where you belong, and when it is over you can come in and clean up. Finally, remember that snowmobiling is not a matter of life or death, it is more important than that. Take care, pray for snow, and God Bless. Semper Fi.

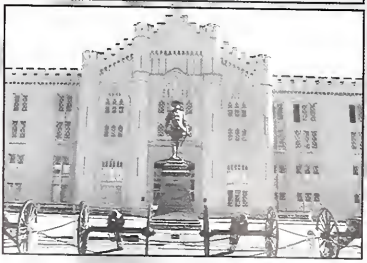


Tuyen G. Dam
Richmond, VA

Twin, Hot Dam, Spring Water
Navy ~ Computer Science & Math

Time goes by and waits for no one. So much h happened in my life since I left Vietnam on M 1993 and set foot for the first time on American Not many people would understand how mu have been through since then. However, I h never regretted choosing a much better educa here. Whenever I flashback to the time that t police came in to search my Chinese classes w the pupils were hiding in the bathroom, I apprec more my current education. Four years at the have given me so many experiences about peo and things, some good and some bad. All my h ships would not be overcome easily without so m help, advice, encouragement, and support from AC advisors, the faculty and staff, BRs, friends, cl mates, and most importantly my family. Mom, D big Sisters, little Brother and baby nephew Winse love you all. I would not have been able to achi all this without your true concern and faithful s part. Lee, thanks for the guidance in Rat ye "Uncle-Cat" Quac, "Nasty" Jeff Golden "Ch Carlie" Tram, "USMC" Tash, and Nick, your selfl friendships and hearty talks have helped me throu many tough times. Matt (thanks for the suppo Thanks to: my former H.S. teachers, Mr. Rab Brickner '56, and others who made my admission VMI realistic; "Mom" Margaret and Helen for y care; Mrs. Dooley for the brownies.

Dykes
1996 - Jason Ross
2002 - Tasha Jones, Eugene Cauthen



Dykes
1996 - Chris Kavanaugh

Dykes
1996 - Lee Freeman
2002 - Jude Lau

Ryan E. DeBouchel
Pittsburgh, PA

Debo, Earl, Lcpl Rage
Marines ~ History

I have won. As cocky as I have been, I've backed up with determination. I have one thing to say to ts Institute...I've thrown my middle finger in your be long enough, you lost. Mom and Dad, you ve no idea how far you've pushed me, thanks. I ve you both.

V-Dogg, I'll see ya in the bush, we'll take over a all third world country together sometime. Turp, u and I have been through so much together, but cohol has made it kind of hazy. Mike, Jake, Mirv, sh, Jochen, Stix, Berg, Zoomie, Cliff, and RJ, you ys have made this place bearable, thanks. To my ie Rats, Danee and Nick, don't forget what I've ught you, do what is right. Katie, I'm sorry this place s kept us so far apart for two years, I love you. To my Devil Dogs, I was told this once four years ago, d I'll pass it to you...-

"Hold no quarter, Ask no quarter, I've beaten you the ground VMI, get up and I'll beat you again in atever shape or form you'll appear in."

–Edge.

"Greater love has no man than this, than to lie own his life for his friend" John 15:13

-Ryan E. deBouchel

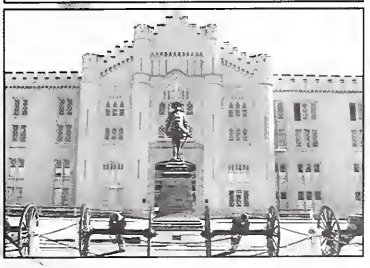
Dykes
1996 - Jaime Edge
2002 - Danee Cook, Nick Wilborn

John A. Deem
South Boston, VA

Sloth, Deemicus, Deemasaurus
Army ~ Economics & Business

Well four years later and it is done. First I want to thank my Mom and Dad for giving me all the support a son could ask for; I also want to thank my Brother and sister for believing in me through my whole cadetship. As I look back over the past four years a number of memories come to mind. My first is of course of meeting cadre, then there was a number 1 in there somewhere, and of course struggling with rat grades and finally breakout. Now it is my First Class year, man it sure has flown. Woody I will always remember the night we left the Palms and never stinkin made it back home. Troy you were always the one letting me know when I had said enough and time to head to bed, thanks for the good advice, I always needed it. Gene it has been a blast chief, from early morning PT to the FTX death camps I always knew I could count on you for a good laugh keep it up in the real Army. "I mean it's a little known fact" Germ and Mike had a blast hope everything works out. Barry good luck with the Army I'm sure you will do great, always remember spring break 98 "the Florida connection" Well I said I drank all stinkin day. Through the years here at VMI I have learned many a lesson. All the same, VMI has taught me what it means to drive on and do the hard right as opposed to the easy wrong. The main thing I have earned here is the right to be proud of my school, my friends and myself. I knew everyone of my BR's from the highest ranker to the lowest private, and would have had it no other way.

Dykes
1996 - Ryan O'conner
2002 - James Landrum



Troy R. Denison
Phoenix, AZ

Admiral, Chunk
Navy ~ Economics & Business

Well guys, as they say it's been real, it's been fun, and you know at times it has been real fun. Pretty soon everything we have accomplished here, complained about, got in trouble for, sweat for, and maybe even cried for will all be nothing more than memories. They will always be good memories in my mind. I have something to say to the cadets, or "Brother Rats" in some cases, that complain day in and day out about how much they hate this place. Why did you not leave? For those of you that understood what this place stood for all along, and stuck with it through both the good times and bad and yes, maybe even cussed it once in awhile I am right there with you. The bottom line is, we are graduating and some of us will never see each other again. When you think about all this class has been through together, that is a pretty sad statement. But, we knew it was coming sooner or later and we hoped it would come sooner!! Well, it's here.

Congratulations to you all on a job well done this past four years. Woody and John, I don't even know where to begin. Thanks for putting up with me and my quirks, I know I am not easy to live with. Mom and Dad, thank you also for help and advisement, I have needed it. Rachel, I want to thank you for everything you have done for me. You didn't need to do what you have done, but you have and I thank you. I hope our relationship continues on and I want you to know that I love you very much.

Well, I guess I will see you all around!!

Dykes
1996 - Max Castely
2002 - Zach Hayes

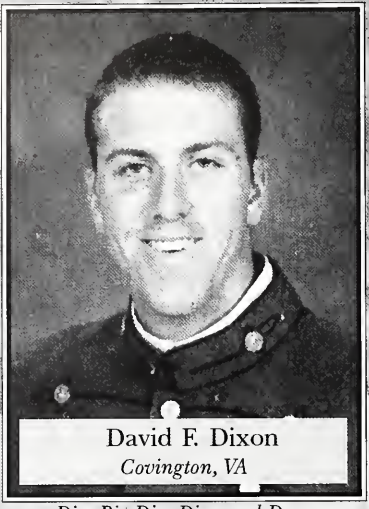
Nicholas A. DeVincenzo IV

North Plainfield, NJ

Wop, Devo, Dago, Vinny, Dagocenzo
Marines ~ English

'What has become of the steed?
What has become of the warrior?
What has become of the seats of banquet?
Where are the joys of the hall?
O for the bright cup!
O for the mailclad warrior!
O fae the glory of the prince!
How that the time has passed away
And grown dark under the cover of night,
As if it had never been."
"The Wanderer"
It's been an interesting four years here.
I leave as I came, A Yankee.
Thank You to my family for all the support getting through here.
Good Luck to all my roommates through the years,
You know who you are.
Good Luck to the Rats of 146
Do well, and make us proud.
Q: Who's the WOP?
A: I am Sir!

Dykes
1996 - J.J. Rivera
2002 - Dustin Delcoure



David F. Dixon

Covington, VA

Dix, Big Dix, Diamond Dave
Air Force ~ History

I have to start out by thanking God for answering all my prayers over the years and getting me through this place. I have made some of the best friends one could ever ask for and I appreciate your companionship over our time here at the "I". Ben, the times we have had together on the Baseball field or sitting in our room talking trash about GAME DAY '99, the experience has been fun. Pat, thanks for all the times you put up with my hard-headed ways. Also good luck in the future with Virginia, I hope you guys have a very happy life together. Gary, What's up slick? We have been together all the way through since the beginning together and that is something I will remember for the rest of my life. Thanks for being a mentor, competitor, prankster, and most of all thanks for being such a good friend. Good luck in the Air Force and with you future with Kelly. Thanks to Mawmaw and Pawpaw for being the best grandparents one could ever want. I love you both. For my brother Darin and his wife Melanie, guys thanks for the support over the years. The two of you mean a great deal to me and I thank you for all the love you both have expressed to me. Mom and Dad, the two of you have been there for my high times and low times, for my first college baseball game, first homerun, first college football game, and for those experiences you have shared with me I will always be thankful. I pray every night that one day I will turn out to be as good a parent as you both have for me. I love both of you very much.

Dykes
1996 - Tad Blackburn
2002 - Chris Morris, Willie Lyles

Matthew C. Dixon

Midlothian, VA

Dick, Dickie
Army ~ Chemistry

Well, how the time flies. I can still remem sitting on the beach two weeks before I had came to VMI talking to my now current roomm about where he was going to college. Time seem to stand still back during my third class year whe was out late studying for my organic class and Sunday afternoons when I was stuck at the I due "miscanduct." I guess there are some people I sho thank for helping to get me through all the turn that is VMI. I should start with my parents, since I not think that there have been any two people w have supported me more. Thanks mom and p for always being there. Then, I would have to thc Tina, my best friend for being there when I need her my freshman year and sporadically throughc my stay at the I. I don't think I could have made without you Tina, thanks so much. Next I gue would have to thank my roommates for keepi me in a lighthearted mood day in and day out. L but not least, I would have to thank God for alwc being there, even though I often took him for grante Oh yeah, and how could I forget, I must thank D for inviting me out to the house and getting on r case about studying hard. Doc without your inf ence ... who knows ... I could have barely grac ated. There are many more people who I would li to thank, but they only gave me so much space. the rats, you guys have three more long years ahe of you, but if you stick with it you should do fir Good luck!

Dykes
1996 - Charles Schnurman
2002 - Eddie Anderson

William H. Dorsey Jr.
Suffield, CT

Wild Bill
Air Force ~ Civil Engineering

Looking back on those days as a rat in room 4(which is now a female shower), I remember shar- g times at pain and suffering with my band com- pny brother rats. Some of the greatest friendships at I will ever have were formed from rat year, and vill never have the same bonds of friendship with. yone but my brother rats. VMI has instilled in me a nse of honor and integrity that I will always cherish. my brother rats: Eric, we have gone through many ommates and many crazy experiences, but the ng I will remember the most is being able to talk out anything with you and at the end of it, always ing able laugh. Lee, your friendship as Christian lped carry me through this place when I needed moke those tough decisions. Thank you for being strong. Powell, you are still a spaz, but as my ca- ke, rat roommate, and fellow Christian, you are a eat friend. Dan, narrow the list down! Les, hope to e you in the Air force. To my rats: John, keep your nse of humor and it will serve you well. Nick, keep ur head up. Josh, stay away from those Specials.

A Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways ac awledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.@ Prov- bs 3:5-6

Justin W. Douglas
Sutton, WV

Buster
Army ~ Mechanical Engineering

When Thomas Paine said, "These are the times that try men's souls" he had to be talking about VMI. It has definitely been a rough road, but a very beneficial one. I thank God it is over! I also would like to thank my roommates, MO and Steve, for being there over the long haul. Hopefully, MO will still be alive and have a driver's license for our ten-year reunion, and maybe Steve will have a steady girl friend that was not queen of the Apple Day Festival at Baldwin. Hopefully, "Z-man" will graduate before Ash does, and Jay White will quit looking at girlie books. Most of all, I would like to thank my wanderful girlfriend Marcia for being there for all four years. Special thanks to John C. Allen and family for all of advice and support. Thank god for West Virginians! To my dykes, leave while you still can.

Eric L. Duncan
Annandale, VA

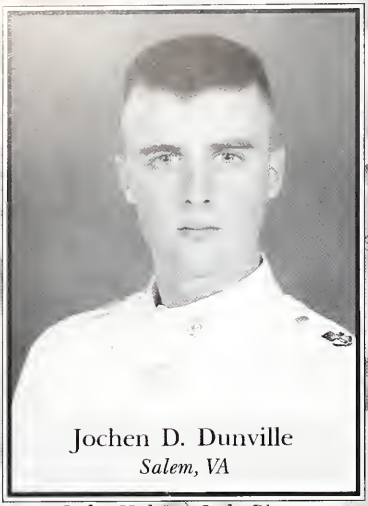
Casanova Rat, Drunken, Slam
Air Force ~ Computer Science

It seems like only yesterday when I was the one straining out on the stoop going to my dyke's room. Now I have rats of my own. If only I knew what I was getting myself into, even after all that I wouldn't exchange any of the memories for anything, and there is no way in hell that I would go through it again. As I look back I ask myself was it worth it? I remember the good times stuff like the rat riots, raiding the RDC, pep rallies, actually winning a football game, and running the cannon through Harts window. Then there were all of the s%$#y times, the sweat parties, the force march on the forth stoop, those great workouts at the RDC, the night force march, and of course breakout. Then it got better we got to leave. We came back as thirds and ate s%$t. Then we were seconds and got our RINGS!!! Now were firsts and have rats. The times have changed, the school has change, and it will never be how we remember it, but everything changes with time it may be for the better or for the worse only time will tell. Well now it's time to leave the 'I' behind and move on. As we leave our legacy behind to our dykes, we can only hope that they fully understand what VMI is and what it can do for someone. I have always heard the saying "You hate it while your here but you love it when you leave" VMI will always be a part of me. So in answer to the question above yeah it was worth it.

Dykes
1996 - Nathan Straub
2002 - John Whitworth

Dykes
1996 - Dan Hoover
2002 - Jay Garrett, Craig Grainger

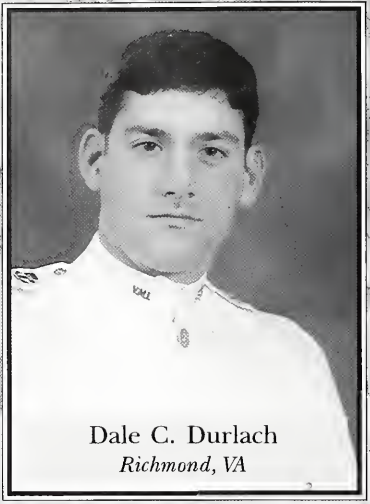
Dykes
1996 - Jason Lanz
2002 - Bache Whitlock



Jochen D. Dunville
Salem, VA

Jocko, Hakeem, Jocko Pierce
Marines ~ Civil Engineer

I will not attempt to reminisce about the experiences or inexperiences of our four short years together here and away from here. I will only leave you all with the following to remind you of the lessons learned here at the "I":
Always look out for your friends
You will never get a straight answer out of a bureaucrat
Everyone is out to get you, and you didn't even do anything wrong
Of course it's not your fault...
Enough RACK TIME will get you through anything
If it doesn't make sense, everybody in charge will love it



Dale C. Durlach
Richmond, VA

Mongo
Navy ~ International Studies

"The VMI experience", what a vague and generalized term people so frequently use to express the multitude of quirks, rules, games, penalties, and lastly the people which make up this institution. I have my own concept of the "VMI experience", (everyone has there own individualized version). As a little ole' Rat, I learned fast, but probably not fast enough, that this place was going to challenge me every which way possible. The phone bills could account for that fact. I could honestly not comprehend the fact that through hard work and perseverence I would eventually be in the shoes of a First classman. The three years leading up to this one could be symbolized as a continual hurricane with sudden and very brief moments of light and a sense of peace, (yeah right). So hear I am, in the well worn, unpolished shoes of a First Class Private thinking to myself-- "will it ever end". Although VMI it can be considered tough, impossible to comprehend and contradictory at times there were a few people including family and friends who have made this place bearable and who have provided me with that light at the end of the tunnel. First and foremost, I have to thank my family for being there and going through the VMI experience with me every step of the way. You guys have always been there with an open ear. Without your support I know I would not still be here, love ya. To 120, 122, 112

Randall C. Eads
Abingdon, VA

Marines ~ History

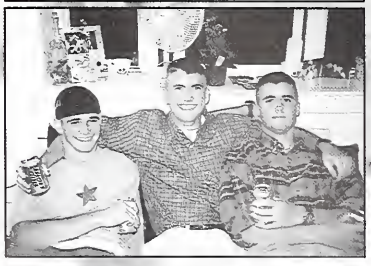
Two Roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down at one as far as I could
To where I bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the on less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

Dykes
1996 - Chris Jones
2002 - TJ Richards, Gordon Powers



Dykes
1996 - Jamal Thomas
2002 - Jonathan Brenner

Eric R. East
Purcellville, VA

Slider, Grandpa, E, LT, Sasquatch,
Army ~ English

Well, sitting here trying to think about my *final* otement to VMI, I can't seem to think of one bad ing I want to say. I would have to say I owe it all to is school. The friends I've met, the people I've ared about and the people that have cared about e... ALL culminate right here in this little section of e Bomb that I can call my own. This place that I ave called home for the past four years...well, what an I say...I love it. But, through thick and thin and all e changes that have shaken its walls, the thing at has kept me going is the love and support of my mily and friends here at school. Mom, thanks for eing there whenever I needed ya. You've gone eyond the call of duty for...basically my whole E!! I love ya, girl. Forever. DAD! I can't say enough anks here to even equal what you deserve. Al-ays buddy...you and me! To my grandparents... I ame'd out alright, didn't I ?!? Jess, yer a great girl.. lways remember yer my friend no matter what. mmm...to the men of 109!!! Well guys, I MADE it!!! It eems like it was just yesterday I was pushin' outside e room with the rest of the boys. I just want ya to now Wesley...you were the greatest dyke a guy ould ask for. You're one of my best friends ever Yes, don't forget that. To my rats...you guys are reat. David, maybe I wasn't the best of dyke's for a...but whatever anyone thinks, I tried to be: hristian...you were a little rough around the edges hen we first started this journey...but I think I molded a pretty well. Just don't let RANK blind ya, buddy.

Dyke
1996 - Wesley Parmer
2002 - Christian Blanch, David Troxell

Grant L. Eddy Jr.
Richmond, VA

Caboose, Grant-Tie
Army ~ Mechanical Engineering

I met Grant the second day we got to the "I," and I thought he was the most immature person I had ever met. Now after living with him for three years I must say he has become even more immature and I think it rubbed of on me. Along with Wescott, Mattie, and myself, he managed to destroy 350, 250, and the demolition of 150 is underway. Even while stuck here he has managed to make life a little more bearable for us and at the same time we would like to kill him (I almost did third class year). Third class year turned out to be memorable after the Bahamas trip. We spent the summer after second class bumming around the UK. In the process Grant learned to avoid girls from Vanderbilt, he should have learned the first time in the Bahamas.

Ever since rooming with him rat year he is still the most hyper and city-fied person I have ever met. He never ceased to amaze us with his goofy antics...flicking boogers, playing with his freaky toys, or growling at complete strangers. Talk about a great choice for a cadet counselor! In Indiana he proved to be almost the worst golfer of all time... we won't mention my expert golfing skills. Never be shocked when he pulls some perverted act or embarrasses you in front of anyone. But being with him, you can always be ready to have a great time with a great friend even if it is in a weird and sickly demented way.

Dykes
1996 - Chris Gorman
2002 - "Jr" Fidler, Travis Guidt

Ricco A. Espinoza
Chula Vista, CA

E dog, E, rico suave
Marines ~ History

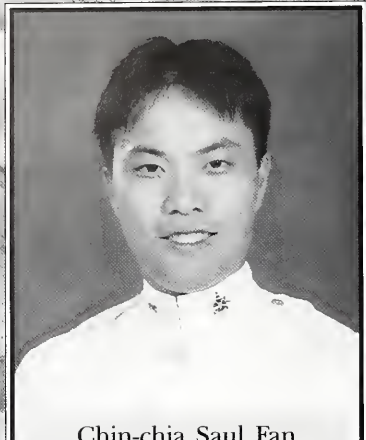
"Come here, it is really cool, we riot and throw out third's hays, it's really cool". I can still remember these words coming from a rat from the Class of 98. Sometimes I ask myself why I listened to him, and came to this place that everyone complains about. Well, I guess I could write about how bad I feel about the "I", but I have done that enough these last four years. If there is one positive thing that I can take away from this place it has to be long lasting friendships. The good times I have had with my friends are probably the one thing that has kept me here. Going to JMU and hurrying back, drinking in Barracks, and everything else that went along with "playing the game", were the best times. Coming to VMI, I had many hopes and desires to do my best, and not all of these things have come to pass, but it is okay because I had fun and did it my way. If I had it to do over I am not sure if I would change. If my rats read this, take my advice and study a little more than I did. Not too much more though! I would like to thank my parents though for giving me this opportunity, and supporting me through it. Also, "see ya later" to all my past roommates, it was fun. Thanks to my dyke for trying to teach me better ways. To Tim, Alice, my brother: Thanks for always being there and for the house keys, haha. To Beth, I love you very much and thanks for everything. Gad I feel like these are my last words. O well, I'm outta here, laters!

Dykes
1996 - Mike Arendt
2002 - Dustin Johnson, Erik Baines

Jason F. Estes
Wallops Island, VA

JQ, Searge, Jay-Bird
Air Force ~ Economics & Business

It seemed like yesterday, I was standing in the new courtyard with a big C on my white T-shirt. They say war changes a man, and the same can be said about VMI. For better or worse I am not the same person that made the journey from the Eastern Shore. The "I" has changed something's and something's stay the same. As I leave this place I will take away the honor, the lessons, VMI good deals and most of all my friends. To all my friends I have meet over the four years there is a special bond that we hold. And until we meet again we will share the same memories and experiences. To Jim, you started me on the journey. To my roommates, Lee, knowledge is power but experience is deadly. To Matt, good luck with your Army career, I hope your light never dims. To Ed and Little John, one word FIRE. To Drew, we share the same past and hopefully the same future of wealth and prosperity. Shaun my fellow man of honor. Trent, to a true friend. Finally the rats. Tony, carry on and remember Shore guys stick together. Kevin drive on. To my little girls, Virginia and Casey, if you had to come to my school you were the best any Dyke could have. And the friends that knew me may honor lead you through life until we meet again. To sum up my cadetship, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times".



Chin-chia Saul Fan
Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.

Navy ~ Electrical Engineering

It is the time for me to say goodbye to this place, and I don't know that if I am happy or sad about leaving here. 3 and half years in VMI give me lots of memories, joys, pains, and growing. I wish I had a view cam around me and recorded every single second of my life here, because it is an unforgettable memory. General MacArthur said that he would never go back to be a plebe in West Point even one million dollars is given to him, and so do I, I will never go back to be a rat even someone gives me a million dollars. I will never forget my rat year that had been woke up by someone kicking the door for sweat parties and RDC meeting. I am appreciated that Rat Line gives me the opportunity to learn how to be a MAN and have ability to take all the pressures which come from everywhere. I will also not forget that I spent almost all the time doing Col. Johnson's Microcomputer and DSP labs and HW in my first class year. I know I will miss this place after I left here no matter how I hate to be here now, but that's life! And to my Rat, take this place one day at a time, and you will make it! Sorry that I have to leave you one semester ahead but I know you won't let me down. Be cool.

Charles S. Faulkner IV
Virginia Beach, VA

Chaz, Shannon, Faulk
Air Force ~ History

I discovered you without all of the Jackson-Marshall Propaganda. After a while you sold me so I reported to you in August. I expected more but I got more than I expected. You taught me that you can't always be what you resolve to be, but you also enlightened me to what to what I should be. You are one tough bastard! Good Luck with your future, I think you will need to regain your own confidence within if you wish to return to former glory. I struggled to influence you, however you are far too stubborn to change. Regardless, I beat you. Mom, thank you for the sacrifices you made over the past 24 years, I love you. Dad, I have finished- I promise I will do Good for the rest of my life and will take responsibility to right the wrongs. God, help me along my journeys and voyages. Meredith, I love you much. To my friends, thank you. I assure you I will not forget you. To Bobby, Ced, and Darren- I appreciate your wisdom and experience, nothing more than the best for you three. To Lester- I don't think I made what I tried to do here, but what you taught me about myself I will never forget. Thank you. G, Rig, and Howard- Thanks for the life lessons. Col. Williams, Col. Bissell, Gen. Farrell, Gen. Bozeman, Prof. Davis, Stuart, Vandervort, Sheldon, Leland, Ayau, Ayer, and Coach Bellairs... Thank you for the guidance. Eric and Dave, be good, be smart, better them than you.

Dykes
1996 - Jim Richardson
2002 - Tony Franklin

Dykes
1996 - Shian-kuen Wann
2002 - Shu-shiang Hsu

Dykes
1996 - Bobby Prince
2002 - DaveWoodson

Justin D. Fertick
Ashburn, VA

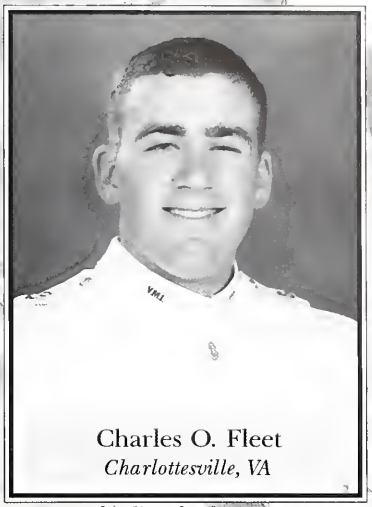
Navy ~ Economics & Business

wo Roads diverged in a yellow wood,
nd sorry I could not travel both
nd be one traveler, long I stood
nd I looked down at one as far as I could
o where I bent in the undergrowth;
hen took the other, as just as fair,
nd having perhaps the better claim,
ecasue it was grassy and wanted wear;
hough as for that, the passing there
ad worn them really about the same,

nd both that morning equally lay
leaves no step had trodden black.
h, I kept the first for another day!
et knowing how way leads on to way,
doubted if I should ever come back.

hall be telling this with a sigh
omewhere ages and ages hence:
wo roads diverged in a wood, and I—
took the on less traveled by,
nd that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost



Charles O. Fleet
Charlottesville, VA

Charlie, Chuck, George
Army ~ Civil Engineering

I matriculated determined that this place would not change me and that I would not become a VMI clone. But what I found rather quickly is that there is no 'typical' cadet. To my BR's who I really bonded with, I know that I was not here for the whole four years, but I am glad we could start a friendship that will continue. To my Roommates, Ort-Dog, Moxwell, Scotty, and Dal: I am surprised that having been gone for a year, the four of you took me back into the room! Thanks guys. We certainly do all have very different personalities but I would not want to room with anyone else. Thanks Guys. To all of my friends I met during my travels, though none of you will be reading this, I am sorry that we had to say goodbye, but that is offset by the joy I had in sharing memories with you. To Hana, thank you for introducing me to German- who would have ever thought: Charlie with a language minor? To my family, I can not tell you how thankful I am for all of the visits my hat year (and even the rat weekend, Dad). I can not thank you enough for your support during my travel abroad (I never got homesick, but I sure missed you all). The longer I have been at VMI, the more I have realized how important you are too me. I love you all. In fact, I am proud to have attended college here. I am happy to report I am not a VMI clone like I so feared from the very beginning, but a strong and proud VMI graduate.

Jason D. Fletcher
Upper Marlboro, MD

General Big Dawg, Big Dawg
Air Force ~ Economics & Business

I don't remember too much about being here at VMI. I was drunk most of the weekends, but for the time I do remember I would like to say thanks to my roommates for keeping me sane. I would also like to say thanks to my mom, for putting up with me when I came home. I want to say that I love my parents very much, and I hope I have left a legacy for my dykes to follow.

Dykes
1996 - Andrew Arminger
2002 - John Sloan

Dykes
1996 - Alastair Fiendis
2002 - Sean Breen, Greg Reese

Russell C. Flournoy
Mechanicsville, VA

Cliff, Red, Flourboy
Navy ~ Chemistry

Live by the day -- aye, by the haur. Put not trust in frames and feelings. Care mare far a grain of faith than a ton of excitement. Trust in Gad alone, and lean nat an the reeds of human help. Be not surprised when friends fail you: it is a failing world Never count upan immutability in a man: inconstancy you may reckon upon without fear of disappointment. Ta my BR's. . . these faur years are done, but nat fargotten. They will be the faundation and the standard by which all else is measured. They ore in no way the hardest we will ever face. As a class we could overcome all; but as individuals? We have strong binds and whether we are near or far I sincerely believe that we will always be united. I leave this place with anather and greater challenge aver the harizon as do you. . . I am eternally grateful far all of yau guys! Ta my rats. . . you are carrying on a great legacy nat only at VMI but in yau dyke line. Make us proud as I'm sure you will. Ta my parents. . . Mom, Dad, thank you so much for the cantinued and undaunted support. I know I haven't always been the greatest kid but you have remained beside me. . . I Love you! To Gad . . . Thank you father far all of the gifts, but especially of your son. And finally to the Navy. . . Bring what you've gat!!! I stand prepared to kick ass and take names!!!!

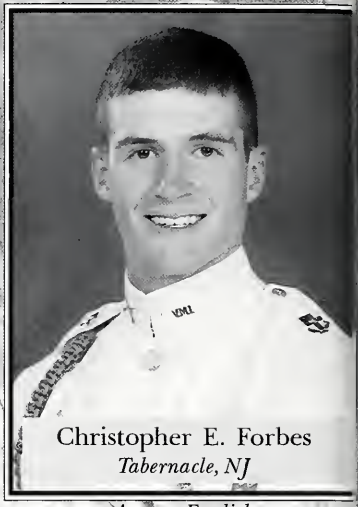
Joseph S. Fontanelli
Scotia, NJ

Marines ~ Civil Engineering

What a long strange trip it's been! Looking back aver the past faur years many thoughts and emotions come ta mind. I have seen mony ups and downs but through it all I have had the undying support of my family and friends. I must thank my Father, Mather, Vinny, ond Joanne, for all they've done and giving me the stamina ta carry on. From the rat line, to my number one, ond finally graduation, I can say I have done my best.

• To Van, J.P. and Patrick, Thank you for putting up with me aver the past three years. We have had aur ups and down, but in the end I can honestly say it's been the time of my life. Ta BiggieStix, V-Dog, Jachen, and all the CE's thanks for suffering with me and keeping me awake. Special thanks to Johny Wright, my brother in sleeplessness, thanks for your help, patience, and your coffee. Finally ta my friend Chris the Cope-Dog, what can I say you've been through it all and far this I can never repay you.

In the end I will take away my resolve, determination, faith in GOD, and mast of all my friends. We have faced the challenge, walked away and laughed. Together we have forged a relationship rarely faund, without you I couldn't have made it and far this you will forever have my gratitude.



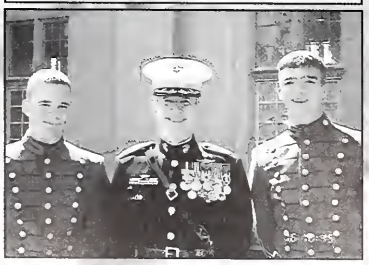
Christopher E. Forbes
Tabernacle, NJ

Army ~ English

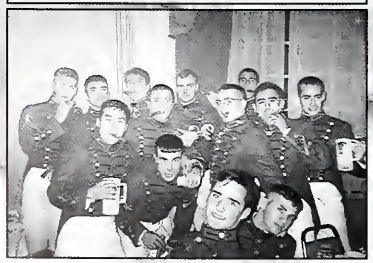
On an ordinary night in December, 1994 at a Alumni Recruiting Dinner in North Jersey, Chris and inaugurated a friendship that made our respective "VMI experiences" sa eventful that na one porc graph ar even movie script could even depict. Th closest we've came to a character far Chris is th lead in Grasse Painte Blank: an assassin with a cor science and a satirical sense of humor that'll kee you from taking even the biggest tragedies too se riously. But Chris' greatest role in this adventure ha nat been just my competition and entertainmen but as that of a teacher. No matter what he wa doing, he always found the time to instruct, whethe it be how to drive a manual, ski, make an b.s. stor seem like reality, get passing grades at VMI whil attending Mary Boldwin, bone yourself for bein uptown-in civies-after taps-with a girl-while drinkin and get only 5 demos, get permanently uninvite ta a return to a US state (WV), disassemble barrack furniture in 5 sec., hide every animal on the ark insid a Misc. box, and the Grand theory of the illusion c Time. But Chris' greatest lesson is the mast iranic: i spite of his beliefs, he came closest ta teaching m what real humiliation, kindness and devotion is mor than any Christian I've met. In a strange way, I hop he does get the cabin to himself in the middle of th woods that he wants so much so he's truly happ But if yau da, Chris, I hope you let us visit and laug about of five years of adventure in civilization.

Wina

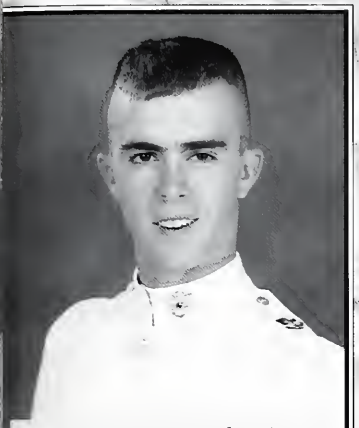
Dykes
1996 - Barry Morris
2002 - Clay Backus, David Rossi



Dykes
1996 - John Gray
2002 - Blake Witherell



Dykes
1996 - Rusty Parrino
2002 - Jarred Conrad, Naomi Pike



James C. Ford III
Gulf Breeze, FL

FORD, Big Red Dog
Marines ~ Biology

It's almost over and time to go, well except for he. I remember meeting cadre and wondering why come here. I know now and will know why even hore in the future.

My roommates have made VMI survivable. Com- g back second class year was hard. At first I wanted p jump ship but things come into place. Trevor, ndy, Dale, and Carl, well maybe not Dale anymore, ou guys have been a lot of fun. Trevor, I know what ou choose to be will be the right choice. Andy, e've got some more time together in the future nd I know we'll have a blast. Carl, I still remember hat fight we had (I won). You have become a best iend. I know you will become a great Nuke Puke nd I know you'll stay in touch.

To the rats of room 105, keep studying, straining ard, and make it through this place. Don't make he some mistakes I made.

To my parents and family, thanks for Always sup- orting me. Without you I don't know what I would o. I will always love you.

Well, I can't wait to get out of VMI and start my fe. I wish it could be sooner but I know I'll miss all the imes, good, bad, and different. To everyone, have great life.

Patrick N. Forrest
Orlando, FL

Air Force ~ English

Like every other cadet at VMI my feelings toward the institute are mixed. I have learned that it would be impossible to see these moments as negative in any aspect. I have formed the closest bonds of my life on these cold concrete stoops which exist in lonely contrast to my friendships. Much of this is due to my Rat year in Charlie company. We, Charlie rats have stayed bonded and loyal. Our dictators excepted nothing less from us but total allegiance and dedication to each other. For this I am grateful. I have tried to make the best of my time here maximizing every opportunity presented to me. My first adventure took place in Seville, Spain where I studied and traveled for five months. Once again I was presented with the opportunity to see the world and live its many cultures. This time Prague was my destination and the remnant nations isolated behind the Iron Curtain were mine to excavate. My long journey has been successful. I would like to thank all my parents for their constant love and encouragement. At times their dedication to myself surpassed my own. To them I owe nothing less than the products of my future toil. For the entirety of my life, in every aspect, blessings small and large have fallen at my feet. The reason has evaded and puzzled me but I remain vigilant with curious thanks and anticipation. God willing I shall continue upward, void of regrets, and happy in my conditions and contributions.

Andrew D. Fox
LaPlata, MD

Fox Daddy, Foxy Lady, Foxy
Air Force ~ Economics & Business

Well the trip through VMI was not fun filled or even something to write home to mom about, but I believe it made me a better person. I hope that I have left an impact on a few people here and that they will remember me in good terms after I am gone. I wish luck to all the following classes and hope that in some way I can help them out later in life. It is now time to move on and play ball on other fields. I truthfully am sick of Lexington and hope that I only have to come back for football games and reunions from now on. Thank you to all the good people I have met here and I do hope I can stay in touch with you. Go VMI FOOTBALL

Dyke
1996 - Shawn Callahan
2002 - Chris Carter, Frank Trigueros

Dykes
1996 - Jeremy Johnson

Dykes
1996 - Jason Clendenin
2002 - Jason Armstead, Tim Friece

Matthew M. Franks
Washington Township, NJ

Matt-tie, Tommy, One-Armed Bandit
Marines ~ Psychology

Forged in the fiery pits of the Sinks (otherwise known as the 7th level of Hell) with proper instruction and constant motivation from the AHouse of Pain, I proudly call myself a VMI man. I hope that I have done my part to hold down the fort, so other proud VMI men have somewhere to always call home, and for the future Corps to test themselves, and I now await my next challenge, to see what I can accomplish in that thing people call the AReal World@, for I know I have been prepared for anything. To all of the late night raiders of rat year, I say thanks for keeping a hyper kid like me going, and to those who made this place what it is to me, I say thanks, because without your continual Amotivation, I don't know if I would have lasted through the rest of the VMI experience. To all of the people who have helped keep me here, I can only say that I am grateful. Mom, Dad, Artie, Benjamin, Max, Jeremy, ABig Ed@, Hua, KevinTravis APOST!!@, JohnJohn, Coach Joyce, Col Crackett, and Maj O, and everyone else I can call a friend I say thanks for putting up with all my antics. Dan, Larisa learn from your dyke, have fun with the place, it's the only way to survive and succeed.

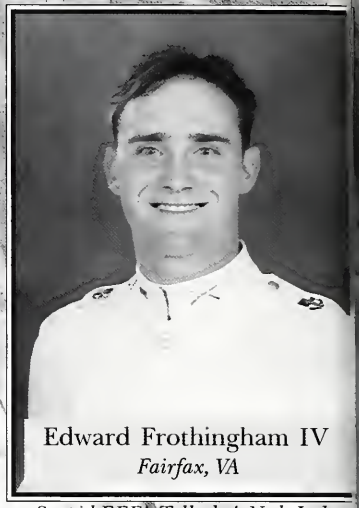
Michael A. Fritz
Virginia Beach, VA

Navy ~ Economics & Business

When I Arrived here at VMI I thought this place stood for something, but now I see a very different place. I have seen this school change for the worse. The only things that I will take away from here are a big ass ring and some of the best friends in the world. To my family I thank you for all your support. To my roommates, Josh AThe Bully@ and Paul, it's been fun, you sunzabitches better keep in touch. To all those that served in Desert Nam III, until the next mission take it easy. And to everyone who I forgot, thanks, it was some of the best and worst times but we still always managed to have a good time.

Is there no standard anymore?

-Pantera



Edward Frothingham IV
Fairfax, VA

Stupid EEE!, Talleyho!, Ned, Jerky
Army ~ History

I could talk your ear off if you wanted me to about how much I hate this school and how muc cannot wait until I get out of here. But that wou be lying. The truth is, I do hate waking up eve damned morning with a bugle, being boned for th most stupid things (such as no initial on chair). M dad once said to me "that there are harder thing then the rat line". I personally thought he was wran when he said this nearly four years ago. I think I kna one thing harder then the ratline, which is sayin good bye to my friends and the uncertainty of th future. We can always say that we will see eac other at alumni reunions, but the Institute will n longer be ours to call home. We will become memo ries of or dykes as they become first class me Where do I begin to say goodbye? I guess, I woul have to begin with Corey S. Kearse. Corey you ar one of my best friends that I have every had, w have formed this great friendship through this orde and I still think that you and Kat are stubborn as he I will miss you greatly. Andy thanks for always kickin my ass, you big peace of dog poop. Purdy, this probably the only time that I will every call you Pura But I will miss your goofiness and the realism that I fact your are one of the most intelligent person tho I will ever know. Action Jackson keep it real, pal.

To my roommates of the 03's, I could have swor that at times we had the dirtiest room in the histor of VMI, most of it is yes my fault, but I just wanted t point that out.

Dykes
1996 - Rusty Moore
2002 - Dan Bailey, Larisa Taylor

Dykes
1996 - Keith Kruelski

Dykes
1996 - Ken Mears
2002 - Shawn Amorim

Andrew D. Fuller
Mechanicsville, VA

Andy, Red, Zoomie
Army ~ Mechanical Engineering

With a bald head and a big smile he said AHey, n Andy Fuller. That was the fateful night we met in oom 194. I have to admit, rat year sucked, but Andy nd I always had fun in Jim and Anthany's room. I on't think we could have had a better time as ca- ykes. But, just when I thought we had seen it all, ndy and I moved into cell block 301. It was our year s sh+t eaters that Chris, Eric ond I got to know differ- nt side of Andy. Behind that smile lurked a cynical ndertone that always kept the 301 boys laughing nd awaiting the next satirical comment about that onderful mother Al@ that kept giving us the shaft ay after day. Third-class year was one for the ooks..thank goodness for Chris= misebox and the veekends spent consuming that fine pilsner ale in G lie! And what about club 225?! Wow! Fuller-Witt, .K.A. Anheuser-Busch. Didn't we own stack in that ompany after Ring Figure? Leave it to Andy to call huddle in the middle of a party and say AAlright oys, on three lets get same! 1-23 Get Some!! It was lso during our second-class year that Andy decided e should try bachelor life. I've never seen a man ork the field like Fuller! If he wasn't at MBC he was t Hollins handing it out like cotton candy at a carni- al! What was that saying..for every woman that ays na, there are two out there screaming YES!! hat's my boy. You made that year what it was, Andy- the best of my life! Thanks for being the friend you re and making this place bearable for everyone ho knows you and has lived with you!! -- JAW

Dykes
1996 - Jim Johnson, Anthony Gray
2002 - Andy Harter, Andy Montgomery

William E. Gage
Moon, VA

WEG, Bill
Navy ~ History

When I arrived here four years ago I thought I knew it all and I thought that VMI was going to be easy. After several very pleasant and memorable conversations with my cadre, they convinced me otherwise. I learned really fast that I didn't know it all. I learned very valuable lessons rat year and when I arrived for third class year I made the same mistake again. I learned really fast third class year that VMI still had a lot to teach me. After eating feces for awhile I discovered that I was not much more than a rat. I didn't think I could hate a place more than VMI when I was third and I thought that I would never leave. Second class year arrived before I knew it and Ring Figure came and went. I actually started realizing that VMI wasn't so bad. And when first class year came I wondered where all of the time had gone even though there were times that I thought that it would never end. Through all of the struggles, turmoil, and challenges I think that I have matured more at VMI in four years than I did in the previous 21 before I arrived. I have met some of the greatest men that I will probably ever know. To Jake and Ryan it has been a love/hate relationship rooming with you guys (probably more love). To the boys in 211 (I will always remember you in 211) best of luck. To our rats don't give in. Never say die!!!!

Dykes
1996 - Chris Lowe
2002 - Dan Dean

Charles P. Gallion
Woodbridge, VA

Chucky Pooh
Army ~ Physics

What do you say about a person who runs the Martial Arts Club, majors in the unforgiving subject of physics, and sleeps holding a pillow with his eyes open. Chucky's persistence and determination have served him well in his cadetship.

Third class year we became roommates and friends. We would stay up until all hours of the night discussing everything from love to money to how much VMI sucks. That semester I exposed him to email and he exposed me to alcohol then I exposed us both to how the two don't mix. As time progressed our friendship grew. we did martial arts together, we carpooled to and from VMI, and we hung out over furloughs....Second class year started with sort of a twist. Ring Figure dates... he asked an old friend of his and I asked a girl he was falling in love with. By the time of Ring Figure, I "liked" my date and he "liked" my date. When Ring Figure arrived we did the only sensible thing, we went "Keydet Style", and switched dates half way through the weekend. Chucky, I wish you all the best in the Army. HUA! - EWG

Well not much to say myself except thanks to everyone that helped me though this place. From my mom sending packages to me almost every week, my father bugging me to keep the grades up, to my roommates that bugged me to death about putting my clothes on. But overall it was a good experience and I'm glad you were there to help me through it. Remember to KEEP IN TOUCH. Chucky

Dykes
1996 - Tom Bello
2002 - J. M. Nemish

Michael N. Gallo
Winter Park, FL

WOP, the Butcher, Grape ape
Army ~ Business & Economics

Even though schools like VMI did not enter my mind while I was still in high school, until I received a letter from the lacrosse coach. I knew the reputation of these kinds of places and I knew how much of a different environment it would be for me. As I look back upon my time here with very few regrets. All the people I have meet and new experiences have made this place a good choice. I have to thank my family for all there support though all the good and bad, with out them I would not have made it (which is still in question). I also need to thank my rat roommates who were able to break up a bad time with needed laughs. Also to Gene(go UT), Hardy(your not fat) and Chris(MIA) who took me in last year, I think it worked out well. I know I am forgetting people but they know I hate to write, so they will understand.

Dykes
1996 - Rick Mattoso
2002 - Matt Suddeth

John P. Garneski
Chantilly, VA

Garnasty, Germ, Weasel
Army ~ International Studies

Now the time has come for me to write my 1st class history and I am trying to decide if I should write about the merits or demerits of VMI. I might as well take the middle ground because there are a few things I am sure that no other college would have been able to give me, for instance penalty tours. Seriously, VMI enabled me never to take anything in life for granted. This vision came to me rat year when I called home for the first time and while I was speaking with my folks I realized that there was nothing they really could do for me except give their constant love and support. I could have quit but that was really not practical considering the deposit was nonrefundable. I had grown up (somewhat) and I will tell you I did not like it. It was to best thing for me though because I would hate to go out into the world blind. That is all I can thank VMI for because I did experience some unpleasantries during my cadetship. I'll be the forgiving type after graduation.

I first want to thank my parents for their love and support (mostly financial) because I don't think I could have lasted at this place without them. Tim, Laura, and Vicki with you guys there our family almost seemed functional. Tara, all I can really say is wow because you managed to find a place in my heart for the past two years. Finally to the boys in 141 and 149 (Hardy, Gene, Mike, John, Woody and Troy) you guys made the last two years far from boring. Peace out.

Dykes
1996 - Pete Segersten
2002 - Doug Garbark, Kenneth Collins

Jeffrey A. Geisendaffer
Williamsburg, VA

Lips
Army ~ Economics & Business

It has been my honor to live within these fo walls of VMI with the most honorable and trustwo thy MEN I will ever know. To my friends, it has bee my pleasure. To my parents and family, I thank yo To Betsy and Rocky, I could not have done this with out you. My dyke told me to take from VMI wha wanted to and although I will never understand th place, I will always love it. It has given me so muc and I cherish honor the most. I will also take th memories I share with my friends, the great momen I had with Betsy, and leave behind the stress of these years. I wanted to say thank you to Mr. Gor son for opening the door, to my dykes for showin me the ways of the "I", to Betsy for giving me all h strength, love, and support, and to Ome for bein an inspiration. You are the strongest person I know admire you, and I love you. To my rats, this will b the hardest challenge you will ever face. Take heed on, let nothing stand in the way of your goal give nothing more than 110% and you can wo away from here knowing you earned it with honc See you next year.

Dykes
1996 - Karl Renne, Jeff Bradford
2002 - Mike Nelson

Patrick Geoghegan
Lexington, VA

Paddy, Pat, GaHooligan, Big Bird
Marines ~ English

got sucked into the glitz and glamour of a Friday ade and that romantic idea of the citizen soldier n early age of 8. Part of me wanted the chal- e, another part wanted to take it on because father wanted me to come here. He didn't live enough to see me graduate high-school, so I was living one of his dreams, well hey everyone's 'em and you can't really refuse to honor one you have a chance to see come true, maybe oming a better man for it, can you? Well, I didn't so, so I enrolled and that began the fourth chap- of *The Life and Times of Patrick Geoghegan*. year seems so long aga, it's hard to remember y trials and tribulations. With second-class year my friend and last rat-roommate leave. But of rse there was the infamous ring figure whereon same night, I proposed to the woman that was e for me in my darkest days and saved this boy's through her love and her never-ending ability to y spirits! Thank-you Virginia. And that brings us y first-class year. I must thank my Dad for the n of this place, I'll see you "upstairs" Larry. Marilyn Jacob for their constant support over the years. inio for her love and understanding, care pack- s and phone calls. My friends for the times I'll er forget, just smokin' and jokin', drinkn' and thinkn'. of course Gary, Dave, and Ben for those things only roommates share, remember, and under- d.

Dykes
1996 - Ryan Olson
02 - Jed Pusczykowski, Bryant Harrison

Donald L. Gillespie
Great Falls, VA

Air Force ~ Psychology

"Life is lived forwards,
but understood backwards."
Soren Kierkegaard 1813-1855
"Just because you're paranoid,
Doesn't mean that they're not after you."
Nirvana
"If I'm feelin down and blue,
or troubled by some foolish game,
She always seems to make me change my mind.
I feel fine everytime she's around me now."
James Taylor

Dykes
1996 - Nick Ellis, John Amory Glaucom
2002 - Mike Needle

Jeffrey T. Golden
Chicago, IL

Jeff, Money
Air Force ~ Business & Economics

Being from Indiana, Jeff Golden came to the South to try a school called VMI. Jeff didn't know much about VMI, except that it presented great opportunities to those who were fortunate to graduate from this unique Institute. When Jeff arrived, his eyes focused on a new whole realm of discipline that took some time getting use to. Setting goals and having a positive attitude towards reaching those goals came easy to Jeff. Jeff never meets a stranger; he is always uplifting someone and truly listens to his friend's problems with openness and honesty. VMI teaches and enforces honesty, character, and integrity and Jeff in his simple ways of life lives and breathes these values that the average public has lost definition to. One could say that Jeff came, bettered himself, and left VMI, and if the Southern state of Virginia could speak, it would say "Jeff, come on back anytime, you hear?"

I would like to thank my parents, brother, and my entire family for their continual support, Lee for providing me with guidance, Robby Trent and his family for always providing my with a second home and family. Shane keep thinking up ideas for us to make our millions. Dan, PH, Ali, (@26) thank your for you friendships, you guys are the best. Wayne and Scotty, we've had some good laughs this year, good luck to you both.

Dykes
1996 - Lee Freeman
2002 - Dave DeBruyn, Jake Elsass

Gary M. Goldsmith
Baltimre, MD

Air Force ~ Economics & Business

I can remember the beginning very clearly. It seems like just yesterday that we all began here at this place. I can't say I'll be too upset about leaving in May. Maybe someday that will change but for now I'm glad it is all over. I wish everyone the best, Good Luck.

To the lacrosse team- it's been fun, "we don't care about you." Pat, Ben, and Dave-Hope you enjoy married life. Better you then me. Remzi-tank-q, I'm sure this is only the beginning. We may have to stay away from the Captain in the future. I want to thank my parents, if it weren't for them none of this would have ever happened. Bye.

Dykes
1996 - Andrew Armiger

Leslie R. Gould
Fort Plain, NY

Les, TackLes
Air Force ~ Mechanical Engineering

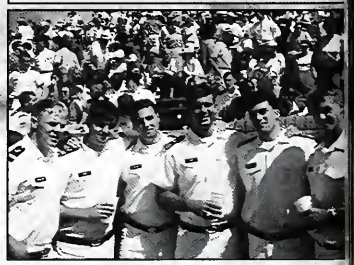
I came to VMI looking for a school that I could be proud to wear the ring of. That and my brother went to the Citadel. So the first time I saw the "I" was matriculation day. The only thing I can say about rat year is that my roommates Mike Purdy, Andy Kratt, and Mike Weyler made for an interesting year. There's not a whole lot to third class year, it's all a blur and I think I'd prefer it to stay that way. Accept I do remember those long talks with Dan Hendrix out on the stoops about his many, ah... female "interests" As for second class year, well the first half was spent at Norwich, with Hunter Phelps, Bryan Raeder, and Jesse Althouse (Rest In Peace Jesse), and yeah there was someone else, but you know my memory, sorry man. Now that was a good time. Then of course there was Ring Figure, I had a blast at the Baldwins non-alcohol party time. I must say thanks to Dan Hendrix and Burr Harrison for arranging every thing Then there is first class year with my roommates Dan Hendrix, Burr Harrison IV, Matt Hart, and Bryan Culver on 1st Class year Round Two... Your all great roommates and your keeping me strong in my walk with God, thanks so much, and Bryan Congratulations on Anne. I also have to say thanks some of my other friends, Jordan Brandon, you made throwing an experience. That goes for you too Coach Baseman and Coach O. Thanks for giving me a chance. Dave Kas, thanks for being real your one of the best. Bill Dorsey, I'll see you in the sky's, thanks for being there, us Baptist have to stick together.

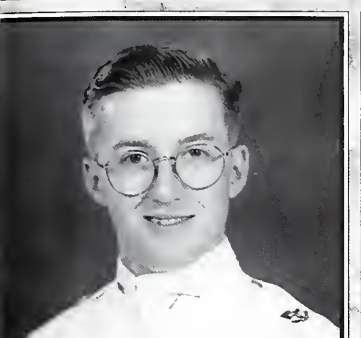
Dykes
1996 - Lawrence Barr
2002 - Mark McNamara

Adair M. Graham Jr.
Wilmington, NC

Dairboy, Grahampa, Old Man
Army ~ Business & Economics

Like some of you, I can only hope that it is alr over. I can remember when I was a rat and my D was writing his first class history, it didn't really regi to me then what it meant to him, mainly becaus was so far away for me. But right now I know w it meant to him and that is writing about the f most treacherous years of your life mixed in with best times of your life. There's not a chance th would ever have made it through this place with them. First I would like to thank my roommates Hamilton, and Roger. We were definitely lucky have been put together rat year. There's no v that we could have made it through four years living together if we weren't true friends, and the no way we would have ever met if we hadn't co here. So at least I owe VMI for three of the b friends that I've ever had. Living together for all f years has made all the difference. Thanks for all memories guys, they will stay with me forever, the way Hamilton, I was a redneck long before were even an itch in your daddy's pants. And not forget the rest of Pervert; Lyle (Loans), Hur (Skippy), Jeff (Nigel), John (Buck), and of cou "No Pride" Luck. Thanks 114 for the friendship, c cism and the amenities. Thank you Holland for ways being there for me through the highs and lo I love you more than anything in the world. Tha to my mom and dad for all the love and supp and to gran gran for the opportunity and enco agement to come here. Good-by VMI, Hello life





Wayne S. Graham
Glade Spring, VA

Scrappy, Peace
Army ~ History

How can I sum up four years experience in one paragraph? "They" say that everything I have experienced here will pay off once I leave. With this in mind, I am embarking on this brave new world hoping to master it. For the education I received here, I would like to thank my professors. I would like to thank my parents for helping me get through the not pleasant times that arose while I was here. To Anna, my future wife, I want to thank you for being my strength and pushing me to improve myself when I didn't think I could go on. Gabe, you have a long road ahead of you. I hope you make the right decisions and not take the easy road all the time. Dave, we've gotten each other through a lot of things. We're now going our separate ways and I want to wish you all the luck in the Air Force. I guess we'll see how well we've faired when we all get together again in a few years and tell big stories about how tough it was when we were at the "I" over a couple of beers. Il vaut mieux traiter du mal que des larmes, parce que le rire est le propre de l'homme (Rabelais).

Dykes
1996 - Jim Tinguely
2002 - Gabe Price

Eric W. Greene
Dumfries, VA

Grill Line, Buddha
Army ~ Computer Science

If Eric isn't talking then he is either asleep or has SOMETHING in his mouth. But even so I got to love the guy. After being his roommate for three years it's hard not to. It was third class year when Eric and I became friends. We would stay up hours talking about email stalkers and how stupid our co-matriculate was when he got his girlfriend pregnant. It was during that time we coined the phrase "Friends don't let friends email drunk". Second class year started off with a bang. I had my Ring figure date. Yet barely two weeks in to the semester he had a date. Fate plays many nasty tricks, for by Ring Figure he had MY RING FIGURE DATE and I had his. And by all estimates he got the *better deal*, for out of the whole fiasco he now has a fiancé and I lost *Titantically*. Now here we are first class year. Who would have thought that I'd still be his roommate still able to stand his mouth; I suppose only me. The times when things can't get any worse and you just want to give up that he puts his mouth to GOOD USE. He is the first person to realize when something is wrong, and the first person to jump into it to try and fix it. It is on these rare occasions that make putting up with him a small price to pay for a good friend. CPG

I'd like to thank my mom and dad for their love and support through the entire VMI process, the good parts as well as the bad. Chucky, Sean, and Joel good luck in life and may you achieve all of your dreams...

Dykes
1996 - Erik M Michalski
2002 - Chris Mills

Jason W. Grubaugh
Midlothian, VA

Air Force ~ Economics & Business,
Psychology (minor)

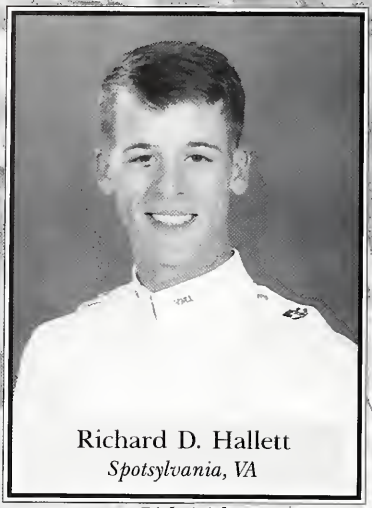
I should first start off the usual way in thanking my Mom, Dad, Ron, and Amy for all you have done for me. Thanks for all of the trips you have made to this wonderful place! Thanks for dealing with my times of misery and getting me through them. Kelly, I don't know what I would have done without you this year, thanks for all of the good times, especially all the memories from Baldwin! I sign up to come to VMI and what it stood for, and what do I get, a watered down version that is no better than the corps of cadets at VT. I think the admittance of women has destroyed what VMI used to offer, the discipline, the character, and the honor that was prevalent. Needless to say that I am getting out now before it gets any worse. They say that they are preparing us for the real world here, but where in the real world do you have to sign your life away on permits to get anything done. What is it with our honor system these days? 'Nuff said! Dan and Joe, try to take anything good this place has to offer and roll with the flow. Remember, don't volunteer for anything. Trent and Brian, thanks for all of the good times. Somehow we still managed to have a little fun here and there, whenever we were allowed!! Sparky and Flapjack, I'll see you out there in the "real world". To all the guys from Clover Hill, good job on somehow sticking it through this place, can you say it's been the best four years of your life? Brent and Scottie, it's been real, see you out there way up in the sky. To my dykes of 96, thanks for nothing you jerks.

Dykes
1996 - Who cares????
2002 - Joe Romano, Dan Chung

Shaun C. Hall
Cana, VA

Hooah Hall, The Hooahnator, Redneck
Army ~ History

Life is a struggle, and mine certainly has been since day one. I do not mean to sound like an overachieving bragger, but I have overcame many struggles just to earn the right to be here and to have strained within the walls of these Barracks. To my parents and my sister, I thank you for supporting me in my endeavors to be a part of this Institution. God bless you, I love you. There probably are a considerable number of people in this barracks who detest me and wish that they had never met me, but there are no hard feelings. I will simply relay to you the same thing that I said to my rat roommates, (whom I still consider friends of mine and have the utmost respect for) the second day of cadre week. "I did not come to VMI to make friends with anyone." However, on a lighter note, I did make friends here. Friends that I will love and respect for the rest of my life. To Eric Mowles, JB, RJ, Turp, and the rest of the I Co crew, it was the best time of my life. To my roommates now, Trent, Drew, you are the best. Also there are others like, Jason E., and Matt F and the list goes on. To my rats, Jesse and Emily, you are the reason I am still here. Keep driving on, you will be something great. To the I Co rats of 2000, I hope you learned from me, I sure did from you Iron Clad! Hooah! To Nicole Hawks, I love you hon. To the Institute, you were definitely a challenge and a test in pride and honor, however you have changed entirely too much and you are not the school that I applied to. For that I am truly sorry.

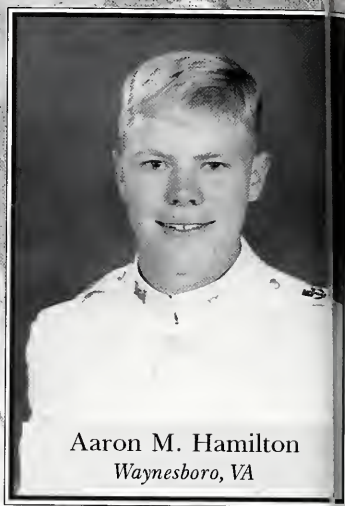


Richard D. Hallett
Spotsylvania, VA

Rich, Dick
Air Force ~ Chemistry

Four years have gone by to fast. Not quite as fast as 105 mph down route 11 in the Z24 after leaving the Battered Women's Home in Staunton with two minutes till taps. If we said it, it had to be done. B.V. movies in class dyke, Fosters' in front of the nintendo, and all nighters because we put it off till the last minute. I don't think Lance will ever understand how we hit the Palms when it was crunch time, and still came up with the grades. Word to the wise, don't leave passwords on your screen savor and take the tops off of your writing pens. I always knew that your dreams would take you high. It was either to the moon or up on a refueler. You were always into something. It was either standing out in the front yard in your diapers harnessed to a tree, climbing up the smokestack, or going crazy cause your girl called fussen, and caught you right as you were about to run down to the air force office and schedule events for FTX's of the future. You have come a long way. All the way from the little rich punk kid with purple pants to having a rat just like you used to be.

I wouldn't have made it without you buddy. You'll be a friend for life even if you and Charles have a thing going on. Good luck in anything you do in the future and if you ever get a date with Cindy Anderson let me know.



Aaron M. Hamilton
Waynesboro, VA

H, Captain Redneck, Captain
Special Student ~ Computer Scienc

Well, it's almost done, I hope. It seems like it w by a little faster than I expected. The only th have really enjoyed is the time with my friend miss Will, Adair, and Roger the most when I leav guess I'll see you guys at reunions and hopeful little in between. I know we're all the kind of who don't call. It's been great living with you couldn't have gotten a better room rat year. vert corner is a good place to live. I want to thanks to room 114, Niegel, Buck, Skippy, and for all the hay downs, phone privleges, and win My girlfriend Koty has been cool too. Thanks coming to visit me when I'm on confinement sw heart and sitting through those miserable foo games. To all the wierdos in the Computer Scie department, don't forget the study sessions an the hard work when you're making the Big Buc might need you to help me get a job one Cameron. To the commandant's staff, my mam taught me that if I don't have anything nice to don't say anything at all, and I don't have anyth nice to say. To all my friends here, give me a c you're ever in Red Neck Land. We'll take care you. To my rats, lay low. You learned the syst from the laziest privates in the first class. Remem all that matters is who has the best grades at end. Cadet Newspaper looks better on a resu than Bulldog anyway. Well, it's late. Nobody is go to read mine anyway. By the way, unofficially, the premier redneck in this barracks, Adair.

Dykes
1996 - Frank Dingle
2002 - Curtis Vancleave

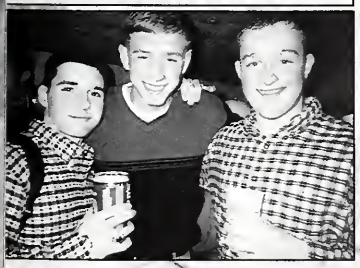
Dykes
1996 - Pete Segersten
2002 - Tri Tang, Jeromie Houston

Thomas J. Hanifen
Vienna, VA

Tom the Manifen
Army ~ History

Finishing four long years at VMI, I am excited to t forth and begin anew in the United States Army. ving been at VMI I have learned many things, the ost important being that the true reason someone complishes obsticles, such as the Institute is for his osest friends. I would feel ashamed for abandon- g or letting them down. Thanks to Kev, Jeff G., ris, Sean, Sapp, Darious, Chapman, along with the luences of many others, even Rog Dawg, I have mpleted these last four years. Furthermore none my friends wouldn't let me down as well. We all ndured many hardships and adventures together ot I'll never forget. As for the seven Dawrfs of room 4, I hope that I have created a bond much like the e Jeff B., and Carl R., and I had. Where ever I am the world your all wellcome to call and/or stop by.

Dykes
1996 - Jeff Bradford
2002 - Jason Halin, Dan Groover



Robert C.Hardee, Jr.
Raleigh, NC

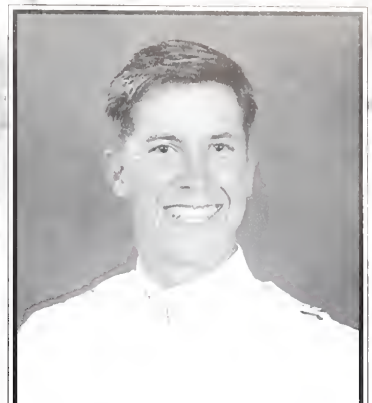
Rob, Blob
Marine ~ History

I cannot complete my cadetship without first expressing my thanks to all the folks who supported me through this epic saga: Mom, Dad, Mike, Chris, Fannie-Fannie, the McManamas; and especially, Melissa. To all of you, my deepest love and thanks. To the Family, sorry about the sleepless, worry filled nights and all the gray hairs, Melissa, sorry for the twenty minute snapshots of time together in the "X" and for all the times I wasn't there when you needed me. Gold Coast BR's thanks for all the times, boys. Matt, Josh, Fil, and all the rest of the 122 Rats and Turners thanks for pulling me through the rotline. Bill, Willie, and Brian: without yall, Id have been gone long ago. Seth and Jered, don't repeat my mistakes and remember, "*The more you sleep, the less you're here*" - *B.C. Mitchell* '96..

In the time that Rob and I have lived together, we have become great friends. While not one of the most academically gifted people I have met, Rob is gifted in many other ways. He is always there when I need him. Rob has also been the recipient of some of the best training the Institute can give, and through it all he has hung in there. I am not sure if I could have made it through some of the obstacles Rob has over come. Good luck at Grad school and I can't wait for the wedding!!

-Bill Steinbach

Dykes
1996 - Turner Perrow
2002 - Jered Lapp, Seth Wheeler

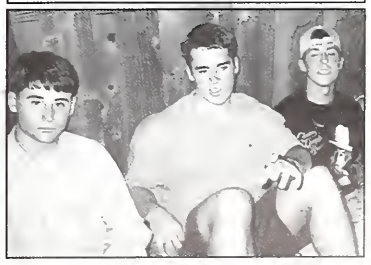


Edward F. Hardy
Fork Union, VA

Handyman, Fred, Hardly, Worm
Army ~ International Studies

As I sit here thinking of what to write, the question I came in here with is still unanswered. Is this place going to be worth it? Well, I can say this, the friendships I have made sure were. The bonds I have formed here would never have been as strong at any other school. The friendships we have will never fall to the wayside. Now, four years ago my mom asked me to look at going to school here. Well my response was an outrageously loud outburst of laughter as well as an Are you CRAZY? I was not even going to consider going to a place like this one, but there was always that petite thought in the back of my mind telling me to accept the challenge. Even though, there were many nights when I begged you to let me leave and Experience the real college life, you stood firmly and denied me that opportunity. So, now I want to thank you as well as the rest of my family for their ever loving support. Without them, I can honestly say I would have never made it. To Kris, I never thought you would have survived these last two years with me, but you have and I owe you the same. I will forever be indebted to all of you. Also, to my brothers, I know how you fell now, but just keep on striving and you will be doing the same as I am now sooner than you think. Lets give back to them a small portion of the FORTUNES they have given us. Finally, I just want to say I hope you are all proud, because God knows how hard I've tried here and without him none of this would have ever been an option.

Dykes
1996 - Matt Modarelli
2000 - Steve Schmidt



Gene R. Hare Jr.
Asheville, NC

Gene, Mr. Hare
Army ~ Economics & Business

I have fifteen minutes to da this thing or else I get baned so this is gonna be brief. I have never been so depressed in my entire life as I was during the ratline. Third class year was pretty boring. Second class year was pretty fun, I am ane of the privileged few who got to live with Chris Hale. I am sure that first class year will be nathing spectacular either, I am laoking forward ta Cancun thaugh. By the time anybady reads this we will have already gone to Cancun and I am sure that John Deem will have gotten arrested far samething he did with a chicken. The rugby trips were times I will never farget. I don't know why I am talking as if I am leaving, there's no way I'm getting aut af here on time. Hardy Rabinstein and Mike Galla have been real gaad roammates. Tennessee finally beat Florida, and I tare down the goalposts. Room 149, c28, and Garnasty made these past few years a bit more bearable. Go Vals!!!

Brent N. Harms
Hickman, NE

Air Force ~ Physics

Where the hell is VMI? Coming from Nebraska I didn't have a clue to what I was getting myself inta. After it was sugar coated by a class of 85 guy I thought it was the best place far me. I still ask myself why I came, but all I nead to da is laak down a dirty stoop, or hald my breath as I enter the latrine while laoking at a BR and I knaw why. To Hendi (just let it happen), and Jeff, my Rat, roommates who gave me hell that first year and still da to this day, thank yau for everything, without yaur humor and friendship I would nat have enjoyed my time here as much as I did. You are still communists, but communists that I'll associate with anytime, thank yau brathers. Godspeed. Ta my ather pinko roommates who I have resided with since third class year, what a blast. Without any af aur adventures I would not be able to tell the staries, or feel complete that I've lived the life of a true cadet. Our memories will last forever, because we'll be telling staries till we die. Ta the rest of my true friends that I have made, and you all know who you are, I can't display a great enough appreciation. This plowbay from Nebraska has seen more things and dane more things than most people who drive a tractar ever dream, and it's all due to you. Ta my Family's, Virginian and Nebraskan I'm wardless, without yaur love, faith, and support I would not have been able ta achieve this great goal. You have given me sa much, I hope I've made yau proud in the man I've became.

Burr P. Harrison IV
Atlanta, GA

Harry, Burple, BRBPHIV
Army ~ Mathematics

Has it been four years already? I guess time f when you're having fun. To the guys of room 45 last you as roommates but nat as friends. Thanks the good times that mare than compensated the accasianal gloom of fat year. Jael, I'll be pay you a visit in the White House in few years—pr ably right abaut the time that Daniel will sing handedly repulse a massive Chinese invasion American soil. To my rats, Larkin and Marshall, Lev and the rest of the rats of 139 (A&B): Follaw G and live up to the noble and hanarable calling being a VMI man. It's a priceless inheritance—pa on. To my First Class roommates, gathered over years: Are we an interesting callection, ar wh Brian, I guess the drap/add period has passed, c you're naw enrolled in MR101, Intro to Marriage Gad bless! Les, you big bully, we lave you anyw Matthew, fellow gaafball, enforcer af the 5-secc rule, connoisseur of country music, thank you for be my brother in Christ. And Daniel, well, where c start? I hope and pray that we have sharpen each other "as iran sharpens iron" and have be fashioned by God as instruments in His hands. Th Gad for accountability! Will you shoat me if I t this chance to encourage you to be patient alw and nat to worry? Thanks, Dan, tram the battom my heart. Thanks also to my teachers and ment and especially to my family—I love you all. Pr God!

Dykes
1996 - Mike Diehl
2002 - Nick Barcheski, Phil Stracener

Dykes
1996 - Nick Ellis
2002 - Kambiz Janati

Dykes
1996 - Matthew Holland
2002 - Marshall Davis, Larkin Scott

Romando E. Harrison
Virginia Beach, VA

Army ~ Civil Engineering

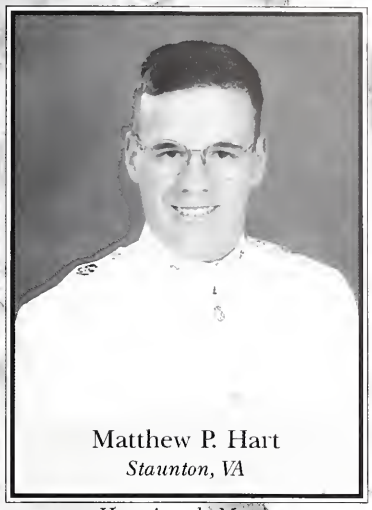
o Roads diverged in a yellow wood,
nd sorry I could not travel both
nd be one traveler, long I stood
nd I looked down at one as far as I could
where I bent in the undergrowth;
en took the other, as just as fair,
nd having perhaps the better claim,
casue it was grassy and wanted wear;
ough as for that, the passing there
d worn them really about the same,

nd both that morning equally lay
leaves no step had trodden black.
h, I kept the first for another day!
t knowing how way leads on to way,
oubted if I should ever come back.

ll be telling this with a sigh
mewhere ages and ages hence:
o roads diverged in a wood, and I—
ok the on less traveled by,
d that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

Dykes
1994 - Juney Harding



Matthew P. Hart
Staunton, VA

Hart Attack, Mattie
Army ~ History

It seems just like yesterday that I was matriculating here as a rat. YMI@VMI? As the eternal question goes. There are many reasons one could say that I come to VMI, like my father and grandfather, but I don't think they were the main reason for that decision. They are part, but not the main reason. The main reason for me to attend VMI, was to see if I could do it on my own. That seems like a kinda weak reason to attend VMI. Once I decided that I wanted to graduate from VMI nothing could change that decision, but everything and everyone tried. Actually, I am not saying that I felt I got everything easy in my life. I just wanted to see if I cauld do it on my own.

VMI has been hard, very hard. I have struggled with so much here. Grades, militarily, and most of all spiritually; they have all been tested here. I can not do it on my own. I needed God's help and around December rat year, I cried out to Him for help to carry on. He answered my prayers with Christian friends and better attitude. I can do this with His help I realized! What a relief! Thus began my journey that God had planned for me to travel at VMI. He wanted me for His work but to do that he had to shape me after breaking me. Finished when he says I am. I am not finished but he has taken me closer to what He has planned for me. These are some verses that have been important to me and helped to shape me to be the person that I am today: 1 Corinthians 10:13, Romans 6:23, 1 Tim 1:12-17, Galatians 2:20. Peace, Love, and God Bless, Matthew Philip Hart

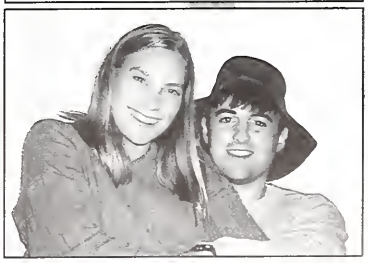
Dykes
1996 - Darren Braylo
2002 - John Scott Leake, Derrick Bodkin

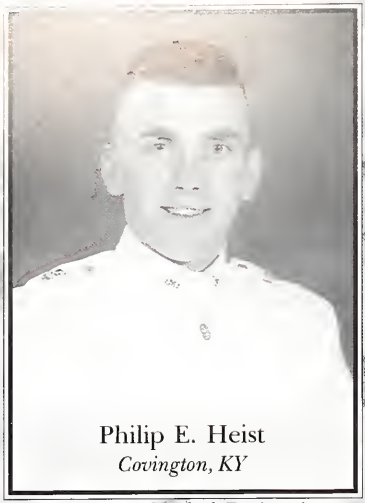
Roger O. Hart Jr.
Richmond, VA

Rog, Ro-Dog, Tango Rog, Boogs
Air Force ~ Biology

So was it worth it? It's a toss up, but right now I'd have to say Hell No! The only valuable possession that I will take away from this place are the friends I have made. For my thank you"s, I gotta start with the Good Lord. Without Him at my back, I know I wouldn't have lasted a day here. Mom, I don't think any mother has ever shown her son the kind of love that I received from you. . . if you could only see me now. Dad, you're up there too, and I don't even know how to begin to thank you. You stood by me through the thick and thin and showed me how to act like a man. I'm not sure if I deserved it, but I love you, and I've tried my best to make you proud. Peggy and Mary, you are the best two sisters any brother could have asked for. Thanks, and I love you both. Grandma, thanks for all the packages and love you sent me. Jenny, you got here a little late in the game, but thanks for all of your love and support. Lisa, baby, you are the only thing that has kept me going here. I love you more than anything in the world and I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you. Now for my boys. 110/112 -Old Man Graham, Bangfield, H, Tunes, Buck, Robin, Nige, and Skippy the Ringworm- we went through some bad times together, and you have been great friends. Crazy, you're probably the best friend I made here, and I'll never forget the Greek Week JMU fiasco. Whit, Benji, and Beek, you were right; this place is UNION! Thanks boys you are the best and I'll never forget you.. Ben, keep the faith, cause you're gonna need it! Later. . .

Dykes
1996 - Carter Mackey
2002 - Ben Bowman





Philip E. Heist
Covington, KY

Marines ~ Electrical Engineering

Two Roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And I looked down at one as far as I could
To where I bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

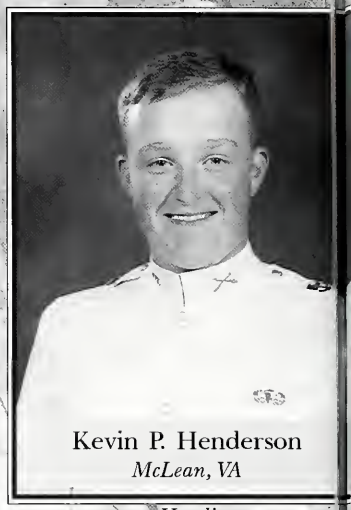
I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the on less-traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

John P. Henderson
Vinton, VA

JP, PH, Steakhead
Air Force ~ Civil Engineering

VMI has offered me many challenges and opportunities to grow mentally and spiritually to find out what kind of person I want to be in life. At times I felt hopeless and didn't understand why I chose VMI, but now that I am done with VMI, it is but another chapter in my life. Although I disagree with the administration's leadership, I cannot ignore the positive aspects at VMI: close friends, excellent professors, and the honor system. To Ali: "Try to stick with one women, at least ***one*** at a time!" Dan: "One day you'll get big, have a beautiful wife, and win the lottery, well probably not!" Jeff H.: "You might make more money than me, but after paying for all your 'Open Container' fines, I might beat you!". Jeff G.: "Remember to share your wealth the little Hillbilly in Vinton when you strike it rich!" You guys taught me a lot about ignoring people and to have patience with others!!! I would sincerely like to thank Mama and, especially Daddy in heaven, for giving me the opportunity to go to college. To Barry, Pam, Jimmy, Donna, Amanda, and Ally: thanks for believing in and supporting me. Heather, my future wife, thank you for all you have taught me about myself and for being my best friend; lets open the next chapter of life, together.



Kevin P. Henderson
McLean, VA

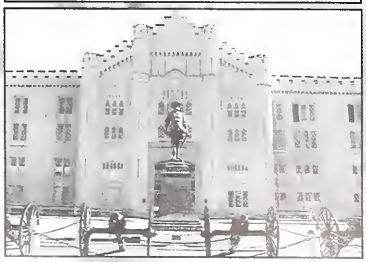
Hendi
Army ~ History

It has been my honor to take that road less
eled with Kevin Henderson. He is a man of m
talents, one being humor and others deemed i
propriate. Kevin has been the best friend to so m
these last few years, as well as an honorable
dignified cadet. There are so many memories t
will take from VMI, but the majority come out o
433. I value my friendship with Kevin, and have
up most respect for him. He is a man determine
defy all of life's challenges and take nothing
granted. Kevin, don't ever forget the Institution
came from and be proud to wear the ring
earned. You have made your parents proud
you earned the respect of your peers, now is
time to start doing for yourself. Go out and
hold of everything you have dreamed of, not
Playmate centerfold, but the opportunities you h
been preparing for these four years. You are
better person than you think you are, so believe
yourself. Let life take its own course, but choose
direction you wish to go.

Mom and Dad, you've been the best of the b
Finally to all of my friends (you know who you
thank you. Out of all the things that I take with
from this school, your friendship is the thing I ch
most. Through all of the hardship and privatio
VMI, searching for a meaning to the unpleas
ness, you made my years here worth it. In the
you're what this place is about. Brothers foreve

Dykes
1996 - Steve Shapiro
2002 - Chris Roman, Dan Wilson

Dykes
1996 - Chris Brinkac
2002 - Brendan Heavey, Nate Jones



Daniel W. Hendrix
Statesville, NC

Jimi, Danny Boy, The Player
Air Force ~ Physics

I am glad to have made it through all four years (thankfully not five) at the "I". There were many times that I wanted to change majors from physics, but I survived physics by the grace of God and Col. Peters. I would like to give thanks to the Chaplain for all of his spiritual guidance--I hope to follow in your footsteps. To the rats in the room, good luck, guys, with your next few years. Keep your faith in yourself, but more importantly keep faith in God. Leven, you are a great man of God, and I was blessed to have you as my rat. Roommates, it took three years (and one extra for Brian), for us to get together, but I am glad we did. The Lord truly honored me by giving me such strong Christian roommates. Powell, it is rare to met someone who "is a man after God's own heart", but now I can say I have. Thanks for being there for me, I could never have asked for a better friend. Thanks also needed for my family. You have helped me so much, and supported me along the way. I love all of you. Finally I want to say thanks to God. Jesus, I would never have made it without you. May I always remember the help you gave me and the sacrifice you made for me.

Jason D. Hennigan
Dayton, OH

Army ~ Economics & Business

I matriculated VMI a very different person than I am now on the inside, but I am still the same on the outside. Only the people close to me will ever know that. It is true when someone says, "VMI will either make or brake you." I have seen this place strip cadets dreams away from them, and make other's dreams come true. I am not sure that when I matriculated that I was doing it for myself or not, everyone told me that I needed to come here. They said if I went anywhere else that I would of ended up in Jail. So what did I do? I went to Jail for four years. The most important thing that I will take from here is the friends that I have made. We all have a common bond. There is really a large contrast of people in my class. There is only about 15 guys that I would really consider close friends. You all know who you are. We think a like, we know what's important, we know when to turn it up and when to turn it down, and I want you all to know no matter where I am if you need anything I'll be there for you. You will never here me say that again so remember it. Isaac and Frazer you guys are great thanks for putting up with me. Thank-you Mom and Dad for supporting me throughout this ordeal. Thanks goes out to the rest of my family for supporting and believing in me. Thank-you General Anderson and Allen for listening to me, come to think of it I would never of even heard of this place if it was not for you guys.

Rory A. Hindley
North Canton, OH

Mick, 007, Santa
Army ~ History

Rory came to us from the land of the burning rivers. But despite this, he is one of the best roommates and friends you could ask for. He taught us to find humor in adversity, and a little about the Irish temper. Rory is one of the few who never got down on the "I" and always managed to bounce back right away when he got stepped on by "the Man." Even if the party sucks, he somehow makes it fun. He brought us an understanding of what friendship and loyalty really mean, and we are fortunate to have lived with him.

I looked forward to this year but dreaded it because I knew the day would come when I must split with the great friends I made here. Mike, you taught me the wisdom of Beam. Brian you showed me that all a woman needs is a little "GSP" and Pat you showed me how to savor a good dip. You are the best friends a potato eating Mick could ever have. You guys are the sun on an otherwise dull day. I also want to thank my Dykes. They taught me quite a bit when it come to pride, confidence, honor and a sense of humor. Thanks Jay and Chris. But if there is anybody I really want to thank it is my family, mainly my Mom and Dad. You guys stuck with me when times got really dark and offered a shoulder to lean on when it was needed. You also gave me a kick in the ass when I needed it. As much as this was for me it was for you too. Thank you for helping me to decide on this place (Dad, you were right). I'll be forever grateful to you both for your love and support.

Dykes
1996 - David Tifford
2002 - Leven Harrison

Dykes
1996 - Ryan Strimple
2002 - Matt Erwin, Dylan Rynolds

Dykes
1996 - Jason Malo
2002 - Cy Dekeyser, Steve Ham

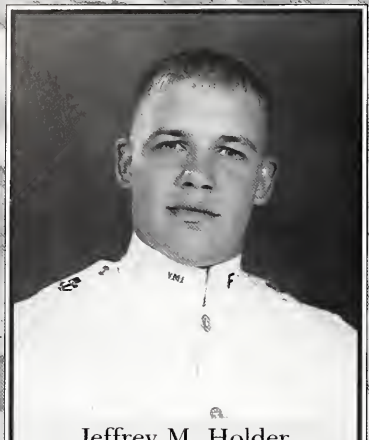
Vincent M. Hogan
St. Louis, MO

La Lush, Chilly Willy, Tuff
Marines ~ History

"Once you get past the first year. . this place is cake." I was told. Horse shit. I used to think I knew why I come here but now I'm not so sure. One thing I can say is that I know why I never left. VMI is like a drug, once you've been exposed you're hooked. The people, the atmosphere, and the shared sense of despondency all contribute to our addiction. We whine and bitch about VMI but deep down there's no other place that we would rather be. Only those who have lived the VMI experience can discredit its worth. Woe is the outsider who talks trash about the Institute. My cadetship can best be described in terms of the classical love-hate relationship. I love to hate VMI but at the same time will hate to leave.

One thing can be said for certain about VMI, the friends that you make here are impeccable. Bush, Gary, Tim, Holmes, Thomas, Wells, Dylan, Lovero, Forrest, my co-dykes, I consider you all brothers. To the Lacrosse team, many of my best memories of VMI have been with you guys both on and off the field. Who could forget Colemans, Goshen, or spring break in Lexington.

Thank you to my parents for all of their love and support, I could not have done this without you. I love you both. To my brother Patrick and sister Elizabeth thanks for the cards you sent while I was at OCS, you can't imagine how much they helped. To my grandparents and extended family, thank you for all your love and understanding. I have been truly blessed. Thank you.



Jeffrey M. Holder
Woodville, VA

Donkey Kong
Army ~ Civil Engineering

Well, it has been a long four years for all of us. We started out as Rats, FTroop Rats!, without a clue and now we are firstclassmen who are getting ready to graduate. I didn't ever think it was going to end, but now I am not sure that I want it to. I have made a lot of great friends who I will definitely keep in touch with after we get out of here. I would especially like to thank my roommates for showing me that there is a lot more out there than I had realized. They are great. I would also like to thank my parents and grandparents for all of their help and motivation. Without them, I do not think I would have been able to stay here for all four years. I am glad I did though. The experience alone has well been worth it. Hopefully the outside world will be as beneficial as the past four years.

John M. Holmes
Vienna, VA

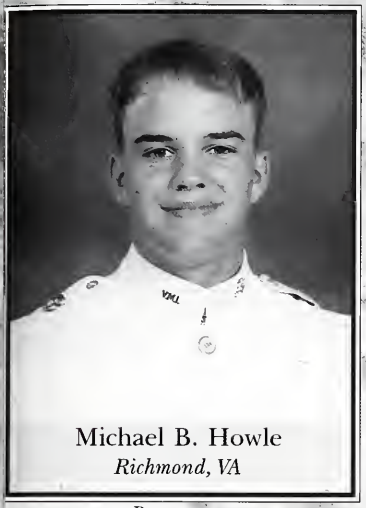
Porn Star, Cro-Magnum Man
Marines ~ History & English

If there is any one word I could use to describe my VMI experience, that word is unpleasant. While realizing that at VMI things aren't always what they appear to be and people aren't always who they say they are, perseverance has enabled me to endure (as well as stomach) such an institution for so long. The VMI family should keep in mind that superior quality breeds a superior image, but the reverse is never true. The only way I will donate all of my $ to this place is if VMI considers erecting a statue for Gen. Hunter. In review, I'd like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Crockett for all of her support, the mess hall for finally getting the much-needed cappuccino machines, Ole Miss for giving me a real college experience, and High Society for keeping me entertained on all of those lonely VMI days. To mom and dad: I'll never forgive you for sending me here, but still, thanks for the support. Ragin' Cajun: study hard and keep working on the linguistics. Make sure those cages stay off the windows. That's a moral imperative to all sink residents. To my few friends and S46, don't ever forget the power of words. Words can uncover the truth (such as in post-VMI novels). HMM, what a great idea!!!

Dykes
1996 - David Belfiore
2002 - John Eddy

Dykes
1996 - Charles Bott
2002 - Tommy Settle

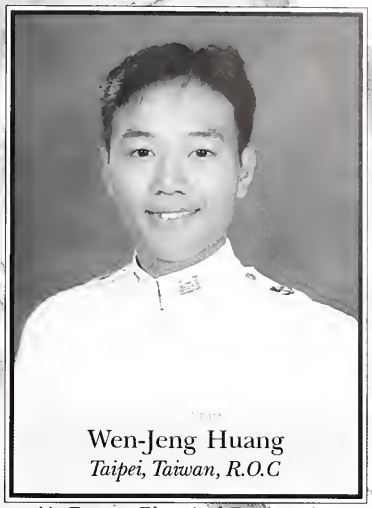
Dykes
1996 - Mike Deegan
2002 - Greg Coco



Michael B. Howle
Richmond, VA

Brannon
Army ~ Economics & Business

I can't believe that I have finally made it. I never thought that graduation would ever come in the four years that I have spent here. It seems like every-day here is just another goal that you set for yourself, and maybe one day there will be no more days to count. Finally, that day has come. I would like to thank everyone who has put up with me on my worst days, and everyone who ha shared with me my better days. Thank you to my roommates for letting me move in Third Class year, and putting up with my antics, especially after TAPS. Thank you also to my roommates who made it through four years of "Paradise?. I would especially like to thank Ashley, and the rest of the Woody's for always being positive, and providing me with lots of mail for the last two years. I am very appreciative and grateful for your kindness. Last and not least I would like to thank my family. They have been my driving force and my guidance through my hardest days here. Without their persistence, compassion and sympathy for my well being over the last four years, I would have never made it. Mom, Dad, Aimee, and Kristie thank you and I love you. VMI Bye!



Wen-Jeng Huang
Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C

Air Force ~ Electrical Engineering

Still remember the first time I came to VMI, Cadre yelled at me because I couldn't speak and understand English very well. My corporal told me the names of my company, company commander, company xo, first sergeant, master sergeant, operation sergeant, corporal and my paltoon, squart, etc.... He said once, I repeated once. After went through everyone's name, my corporal told me to repeat again. Unfortunately I forgot all of that again. (No kidding!!) Therefore I got in big troubles since the first day of my rat year. "No English No Breakout" is what the Cadre always told me. They always yelled at me, want me learn English and get used to the life of VMI ASAP. Now I am a first classman. Rat line for me is just part of my glory memory. The rat line that I have been through is tough and hard, but I really enjoy it. Nobody can take that away from me and no body can make me do that again. Two years ago I was successful to be a rat and pass the rat line of VMI. Now I am ready to graduate from VMI to be a honorable person and VMI man.

Jacob I. Hughes
Norfolk, VA

Worm, Snake, Huggies
Army ~Computer Science

I remember my rat year like it was 50 years ago...I was driving home in mid May reading the Bomb and telling myself I would never write a mushy I wanna thank so and so and yada yada... history. But as I sit here contemplating all that I have been blessed with and all that I have to be thankful for I can't help but express my written thanks to a few people. First, my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Without His sovereign will I am nothing. Literally. I would not have gotten here to VMI nor gotten as far has I have without His mercy and grace. Next, I want to thank my family that God has so richly blessed me with. Thanks Mom and Dad, for the support and guidance and love. Mom, I gotta say the rat-line, by far was tougher on you, sorry for all the stress! Zack, Kim, Sarah, Ben, Caleb and Noah, thanks for the prayers and everything ya'll have done for me! Rebekah, I can=t express how much I love you and how much you have done for me. By the time you read this we=ll be celebrating our 2 month anniversary! Thanks for everything! Brian, Vickie, Matt, and Jake Kave thanks for the home away from home these past four years! Ned, Brian and Matt, ya'll are the best roommates a guy could ask for. Thanks for the great times! Well thats it. Bye.

Dykes
1996 - Matt Howell
2002- Matt Poulos, David Sharp

Dykes
1996 - Bryan Eberhardt
2002 - Ming-Ching Jou

Dykes
1996 - Brady Crone
2002 - Brian Kornett

Ki H. Hwang
Fairfax, VA

Donger, Paco The Dragon Slayer, Hawk
Army ~ History

I guess the only reason that I stayed here was due to my friendships with few of my co- matriculates, and my roommates. Aaron, Ned and Cope thanks for all the memories. I will never forget that night when Cope Ned and I *tried* to ball up Aaron while he was a sleep. We all had masks on and we were ready!!! To make this story short, the reason that Cope is going bald is because of Aaron Iron Claw hands. WOW!!! Aaron was one pissed-off SOB.(look at Ned's 1st class picture) On the lighter note, Ned, living with you taught me the meaning of the word patience and it was a privilege living with nicest guy in the Corp. Cope, I hate the word "**y'all**" and I'm not sorry about making fun of your weight (hahahaha!!) Aaron, lacrosse could have been better and don't stress out too much!!!! Also, don't forget the paper due next week!!! And thanks for all those Asian jokes, too bad Asians are going to buy this country someday. Pat, you have been one of my closest friend since the first day we were bald. Even though we were from opposite ends of the world, I think we managed to work things out pretty well. To Purdy, Conor and Irving from Summer Transition Program to First Class year, it's was a journey. Blanchette, you were all that I've asked you for as a rat and more. Don't let the VMI regimental system get to your head, basically don't become a "TOOL" To my parents, Thank You for supporting me throughthick and thin.

Matthew C. Irving
Oakton, VA

Mirv
Marines ~ International Studies

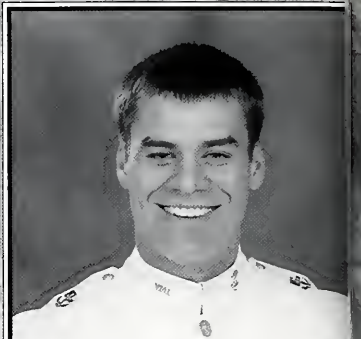
I can't believe that it has been four years already. What is there to say besides, thank god that it is over. Not to say that I haven't had fun over the last four years, because I have. If I didn't come here I couldn't have met the three people who made an absolute and everlasting impression upon my life. Conor, Jake and Mike, what can I say besides you guys are the best. I am not just saying that because you guys are probably the only three people in barracks who could handle living with me. I say it because all three of you are truly my brothers. Without you guys I don't think that I could have taken this place for very long. Jake, you are probably one of the noblest and most forth giving persons I have ever met. Mike, I admire your strength of character even in the face of criticism and opposition. And finally Conor, I know that because of your foresight and determination, you will succeed at whatever you wish to do in life.

To all my boys Debo, Turp, Vdog, Andy, Dallas, Chuck, Scotty, Ezra, Stix, Jochen, Josh, PB, Isaac, Jason, Mcdearmon, Purdy, Hardy, Gene, Gallo and everyone else that would sit and watch me make a jackass out of myself, thanks. You guys are truly hilarious.

To my rots Tim and Lisa, don't let this place put you down. Be who you are! Don't take the path that I chose for myself, make your own. That is what makes you unique!

"Tomorrow is promised to no one."

Screw you guys, I'm going home!



Christopher R. Jackson
Richmond, VA

Army ~ History

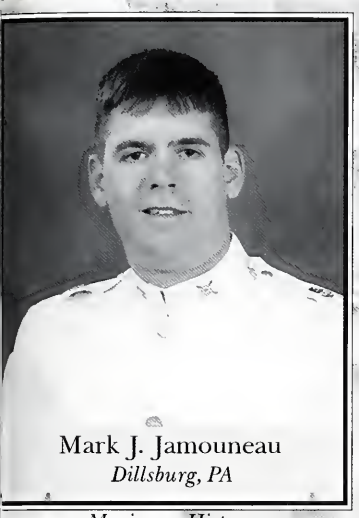
Hey bud. What are you lookin' at!!

I just want to say thanks to god, because withou him I would not be here right now. I would also like t shout at buuuuuddddd, purd, chain, t-bird, del, dr dre, bt., parker, court, the guerilla from wasilla, bi dog, josh, freddy, jery, brandon, jared, mam, dad grandfolks, and all the other faces that helped m through. Last but not least, I would like to recogniz both myth and legend of the infamous "twa not shem". May her walls continue to linger the scents o unwashed sacks, shirts, and any other god awf article of clothing that plagued her beouty.

p.s. Bud ... shut up punk!!

Dykes
1996 - John Bong
2002 - Matt Blanchette

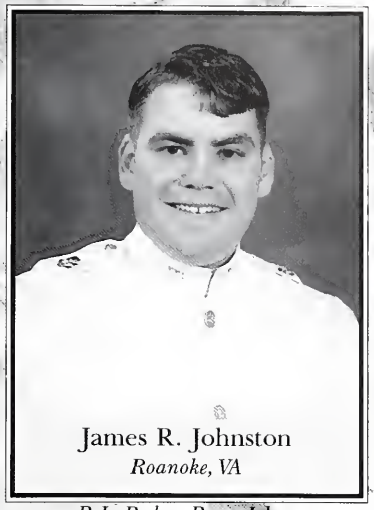
Dykes
1996 - Tom Perrault
2002 - Tim Burke, Lisa Kasper



Mark J. Jamouneau
Dillsburg, PA

Marines ~ History

I guess being bitter is useless, so I'll just be happy nowing that I got away with things much more than got caught. It hasn't been all bad, I mean I have eveloped a fine taste for cheap beer, a healthy espect for authority, a beautiful addiction to cat-ine and a permanent case of swamp a##. Did I ention my compulsive desire to commit a homi-ide involving the Commandant, key members of e regimental staff, the fat kid that works at the X, paadle, the band Rush, and the cast of Friends? ly first act as an alumnus will be to get tanked up an e parade deck, take my shirt off, and get real weaty and belligerent. I guess I am obliged to thank ome people who helped me through, so here goes: hank you John for making me feel good about my rades. Brannon for making me feel good about my calp, O'Toole for teaching the jays of friendship rough physical pain, Matt for pulling his pants up to s armpits, TC. for being a good friend and an alien, obby for his U.S.A. Today's, Seamus for being dis-rbing, amusingly pathetic and funnier than I can ope to be, Cam for actually putting on the weight at I would put on at any other school, Fil for saying e worst possible things at the worst possible times, adford for showing me that there is nothing worse an someone who lives through his success on the intenda, Dix for warming out on the football permit, y Bravo boys for everything, and Bull most of all, y friend, my savior...and my occasional punching ag.

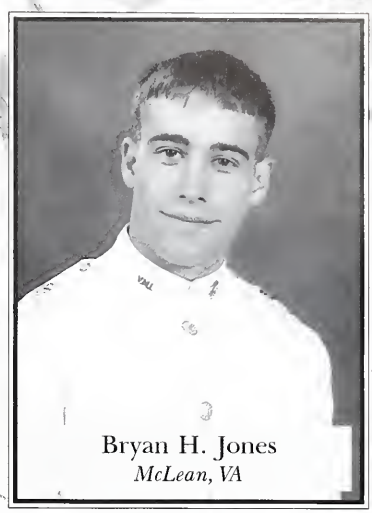


James R. Johnston
Roanoke, VA

R.J., Rydog, Ryno, Johns
Marines ~ International Studies

I showed up at the "I" not quite knowing just what to expect and got it all, great dykes, great friends, and drinking stories to last a life time. Rat year, spent in cell-block 474, was long but bearable. Three rednecks and Craddock? Sean, Matt, and J.B. thanks for the laughs they only made it that much easier. Pub 372 was always the place to be, at least for anybody looking for a BUZZ!!! Clay, I hope your mission went as well as your grades did, I haven't doubted you for a second. Turp and Debo, all I can say is "My Liver!" Second class year was the pinnacle. V-dagg, we welcomed you aboard and I hope you enjoyed the ride. First my ring and then Australia, how I ever managed to pull that off I'll never know. FREEDOM! Hardy, what can I say that the pictures of Habibi Mike's don't. Our time "down under" was the highest of my life, I cant believe we finally came back down. With both feet reluctancy back on the ground I wound up back at the I. Andy, I couldn't have picked a greater guy to join us in the Penthouse suite. Jake and Whit, you've only just begun your climb. Keep your heads up and the right attitude. Mom, Dad, what can I say. Having you as my parents has always been the best thing going for me. Thank you for always providing me with the encouragement and love that helped keep me going and kept me with the right attitude. You've always been there for me and given me everything I've ever needed, words can't express my gratitude. I love you.

Dykes
1996 - Darrin Kirby
2002 - Jake Copty, Whit Hall



Bryan H. Jones
McLean, VA

Jonesy, Boss Hog
Navy ~ Economics & Business

I came to VMI because I did not get into the school of my choice. Looking back, I realize that it was a good thing and I will never regret any of the choices I have made. When I first arrived, all the values and traditions of VMI where drilled into me. I accepted them and will to the day I die, but these past four years have taught me that what I hold true and what the administration maintains are two very different ideals. This fact alone only makes my values stronger.

There where two goals I had when I came to VMI, and I have accomplished them both. I thank my parents for everything they have done for me in the past four years. It has meant more than they both know. I owe them so much; more than I could ever repay. I must also thank the Troop. I see other companies and realize that it is a distinct privilege to be amongst F-Troop. The friends I have made are a step above the rest. To the boyz of S-15 and S-14, I hold you above all else, now and into the future.

I leave behind two RATS that better succeed. Tony & Ryan, you came to VMI for a reason. Work hard, uphold our values, and success will follow.

Finally, to my Uncle Ted, I will always cherish the good times we had. You where like a brother to me and I will never forget that. You will always be in my heart until the day I die.

Fair Winds and Following Seas

Dykes
1996 - Jim Flaharty
2002 - Tony Liberato,Ryan Lapsley

David J. Kaczmarek
Aurora, OH

Spazmarek, Daves, Kaz
Army ~ International Studies

After four years and many long hours, the good kid has evolved into the Kaz that we all know and love. The boy finally learned how to chill out and have a good time. Although living with him had its pros and cons, he became a great roommate and true friend. You always hear stories about meeting some of the best people at this place and Kaz is a good example. Kaz has grown by leaps and bounds, and so has our friendship. *John*

The bright eyed bushy tailed mama's boy who showed up here 4 years ago (and was actually in formation at 5 min call rat year) has come a long way. Thanks to the concerted efforts of a select group of up-standing cadets (and Amanda), and a lot of German Beer, Dave is now an upstanding member of our slightly disreputable crowd. It's been a long, strange trip, but remember Another thing happens until Skippy moves. *Skippy*.

We lived next door rat year but I never really got to know Kaz until we decided to live together as 3rd's. It wasn't planned until the last minute, but I'm glad it happened. You don't know a person until you live with them, which is why I'm glad I got the chance to. John and I always needed someone there to keep us out of trouble, which ended up being a full time job. No matter where we all end up, Kaz, John, and I will always be "the boys." *Travis*

To all you guys who I have had the honor of calling my friends; God Bless you all. I will never forget you. *Kaz*

Dykes
1996 - Frank Dingle
2000 - Jackie Tugman, Bryce Dubee

James E. Kane III
Richmond, VA

Red
Air force ~ History

These last four years at VMI have been much of a blur; although; I have some of the most vivid memories to carry with me. When I arrived at VMI, I realized once I got that hair cut, I stuck it out for a little while, and a little while longer and here I am. What I did not realize, I was developing my character, learning to laugh at myself and the ridiculous things that frustrated me. In retrospect, these tedious obstacles only helped add to my confidence to continue dreaming and aspiring. To my roommates, how different we might be, we had great times, laughing, rogging yet always supporting each other. If I mentioned all those friends, teammates and classmates who I shared late nights, laughs and dreams with, we would be here all night- Thanks guys. To Mom, Dad, Ry, Sara and Austin, My biggest supporters outside of the hallowed walls- Thanks, you have been there through everything. Although, amongst that ethereal haze of organized chaos, I see clearly and confidently to tackle my future. Through the VMI experience, I only want to learn more about myself and my character. It is these experiences that make us gluttons for more. To my rat, Joel, it was just yesterday that my head was shaved, so get after it while you can, and thanks. Before I close, I feel it incumbent upon myself to thank VMI and the people who have helped me laugh and learn. I know I will miss my friends once I am gone, and I stopping to appreciate VMI and its presence in my life late at night. Thanks again, family, friends, team mates, dykes, new and old.

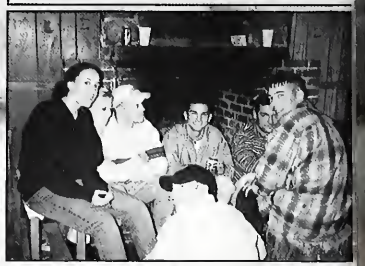
Dykes
1996 - Wyndham Buerlein
2002 - Joel Meeks

Anthony J. Kasprzyk
Rahway, NJ

Kasper, K
Marines ~ Economics & Business

Well, it=s been the longest and somehow shortest four years of my life. I would like to thank of those who have helped me through this insan Mom and Dad thanks for all of your support c inspiration. Without both of you it would have be nearly impossible to make it through this hell. I kn things were rough at times, but if it weren't for y two edging me on I might have never had t chance to write this. Billy and Eric, Tensions in room have been thick enough to cut with a kn but we have made it through. We have also h great times together, Richmond, JMU, Tec Lynchburg, Spring Break 97' (Chavez, Cherry the k and Chester). Paul, we have also had some gre times together. When you get out of here, reme ber to change your socks at least once a week, won't be able to remind you anymore!! Charlie C we have all remained tight through out these fo years. To Snaap, Chuck, Ian, and Wolfe, my seco room in barracks, the good times are still flowi from second class year. Whether it be late nig climbing trips to New River, or trying to get lost wh drunk. Jeb, Jeff, Pete, and Jim, thanks for helpi me learn the ropes. Rats, good luck for the remo der of your sentences. I hope that we will ha taught you enough to stay out of trouble and ma it through this place. If and when you do get trouble you have had one of the masters, the Pre dent of the #1 club Eric Martin, to teach you how get out of your penalties as quick as possible!

Dykes
1996 - Jeb Bartosik
2002 - Ray Girman, Kevin Braine

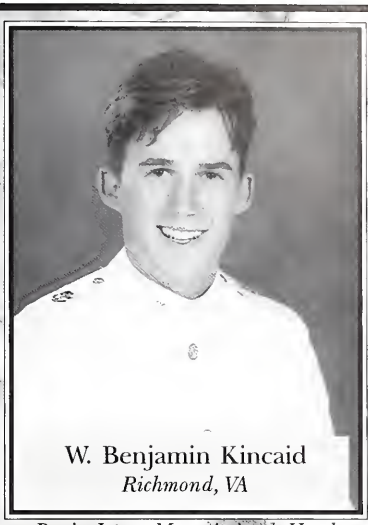


Corey S. Kearse
Birmingham, AL

Kersey
Army ~ Economics & Business

It seems just like yesterday I had a funny looking aircut and I was walking around at a funny form of ttention. Anyway, I want to start by thanking my om. You have been there for me since day 1, and ou always seem to know what's best for me. I now it was hard on you too, but I never would have node it without you. You are the best mom and I m so thankful. Clayton and Elise thank you both for eeping my confidence up and coming to see me nese last four years. Clay, we will have to continue o make an annual trip to DC. Elise, I know you will iss the tailgates and dancing with Willie T. And Kat, don't know what or where I would be if you hadn't ansferred to MBC. Thanks for always being there nd telling me "chin up". You're the best! I love and ppreciate all four of you more than you will ever now! I have the best mom, the best girlfriend, the est sister, and the best second mom in the world! ndy, Hell yea we made it, and we had fun doing it. hanks for everything, you are a great friend. Ned, ou always kept a smile on my face as well as many thers, and I respect you more than you know. Daniel, ou are a crazy individual and I am extremely glad ou made it. Willis, I only regret that we weren't as ood of friends until this year, but hey better late han never. Randy, thanks for living with us and keep- ng things in perspective. To the rats, yall worked ard and I am proud. Keep it up! Remember to lay ow. VMI, you were tough, but I won! If any of you eed me, I will not be hard to find- just go SOUTH!

Dykes
1996 - Colin Boynton
2002 - Ronnie Sebeck



W. Benjamin Kincaid
Richmond, VA

Benjy, Igorot Man, Animal, Head
Army ~ International Studies

Out of the nest as a naive teenager, I did not know the first thing about the military, college life or the school itself. VMI has compelled me to make my own mark. Not one dictated by the administration, or the folks in Kilbourne Hall or even the cadets in barracks, but by me. If nothing else, VMI, perhaps inadvertently, imparts a sense of individuality. For that I am grateful. Four years of living by a strict set of rules in a communal micro-society that places a premium on assimilation of everything has compelled me to be different, to have my own history, to cherish what is truly Important.

I thank God for watching over me these years. Mom, I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for you and your sometimes impetuous support. We made it through the ratline together. Thanks and I love you. Dad, thanks for your understanding and quiet confidence in me. It meant everything. Court, we made it! I'll never forget our late-night talks, stressed out study sessions and stoop walks. Foster, thanks for toughening me up. I won't miss getting put in the "rack" though. Chris, you've been a friend since day one - thanks for being there. Patrick, what can I say? I've shared the best times of my life with you. They won't be forgotten. Love ya man. Coley, you could always make me laugh, even on the darkest days. Mikey, thanks for never agreeing with me. You've been a great friend. Obes, Mongo, Jer - thanks for the times. Magnus and Devon, rely on each other, stay true to your beliefs and carry on the tradition.

Dykes
1996 - Cliff Weddington
2002 - Magnus Nordenman,
Devon Miller

Joshua B. Kling
Hot Springs, VA

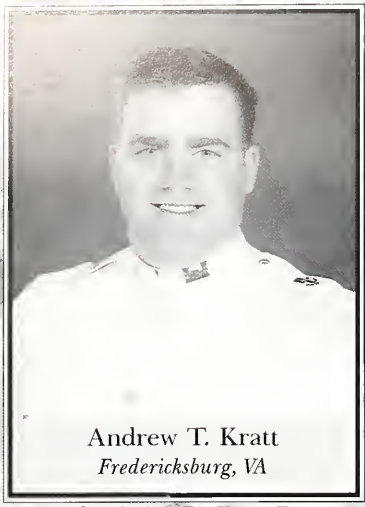
Kline, Yosh, LCpl Fury, deBouKling
Marine – Economics & Business

It is not the critic who counts. Not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena. Whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood. Who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again."

For those of you who have been my true friends, you will not be forgotten. You know who you are.

Semper Fidelis

Dykes
1996 - Shannon Hume
2002 - Wes Powers

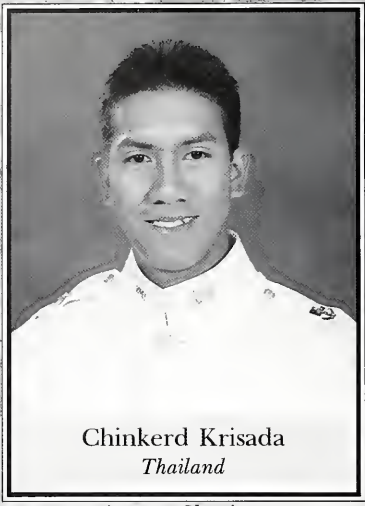


Andrew T. Kratt
Fredericksburg, VA

Andy, Big AK, Fat Kratt, Fatty
Navy ~ Mechanical Engineering

I can honestly say that I am extremely happy to finally be free of the institute's lonely walls. I came here as a scared "PreStrain" and I am leaving as a proud alumnist. The four years here at the "I" have not been easy, but I know that I am a better man because of VMI. To my parents, I thank you for getting me through that horrible 3rd class year. I would have never made it without you. To my girlfriend, Ami, thank you for always listening and always being my friend. To my roommate, Corey, we finally made it man. To my grandfather, thank you for always watching over me and guiding me in the right direction. I enjoyed all the great times here with all of you, my classmates and friends for life. I know that if I ever need anything, you will all be there for me. Randy, I know it was hard getting used to Corey and I but I am glad that you decided to live with us. This last year here at the "I" was the best out of them all, and I owe that to all the wonderful and fun-filled times spent running the block with Corey and Randy. I know that one day I will look back on my VMI experience and say that I was glad I went there, but far right now, I am glad I am getting out of here.

One more thing, **NEVER FORGET!**



Chinkerd Krisada
Thailand

Army ~ Chemistry

My name is Krisada Chinkerd, I born in 4 February 1976. During staying in VMI I see a lot of things that are different in the outside world. It make me feel, I stay in the other side of the world, which is cold, lonely and has only pentaitys around us. Now I am ready to get out this place in order to go to the real world. Have fun for all you **"Guys"** who have more years to go on.

Dictum : Don't surrender to any things until you try it, by your best and Don't waste your time by sitting and breathing because when it passes, you cannot return time back.

Matthew A. Kuhr
Virginia Beach, VA.

Kuhrdog
Army ~ Electrical Engineer

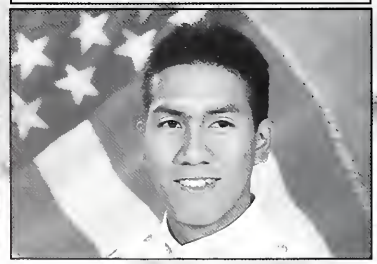
Well, it will be over soon. I would not have ma it without the help of my family, friends, dykes, a BR's. I also would like to thank all of my EE BR's a Rat Boyer for making classes a lot more bearable wish them all the luck in the world. Wirt, good lu at medical school. Paul, have fun in the Navy. Tuye good luck with your career. I want to thank VMI making me realize that getting a civilian job w better than joining the military.

James, take care and keep on working hard.

"Screw you guys, I'm going home." Eric Cartm

Dykes
1996 - Dave Marlow
2002 - Matt Thompson, Chad Martin

Dykes
1996 - Pete Xayavong
2002 - James Smith



Jae H. Kwon
Midlothian, VA

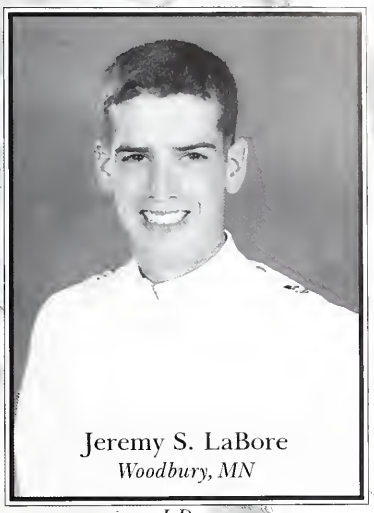
Kwondo
Army ~ Mechanical Engineering

Four years ago, I was looking forward to parties, cks, football games, and play tennis when ap- ng to different colleges. Somehow I got recruited V.M.I. and got a athletic scholarship. I did not w what a Rat Line was and did not know where I was located.

Surprise! I cannot remember what happened ng the Hell Week, but it was nothing I have imag- d. I was shocked and scared when the Cadre ted yelling at me because I was fat. Now, I can- believe I am still at this place and still do not w why I am here. I don't know why but I am ng nostalgic about my college years, mostly good ndships. Thanks to my dyke, I made it through the Line and thanks to my BRs' in F-Troop for taking e of me during the incident on the night before dykes' graduation. Jesse, you will learn the ways get by and pass on the dyke traditions. Landon, I see you as a ranker and focus your anger at the . As we move on in our separate ways, I hope our ndships continue.

A Jae Kwon (The God Drink)
1). Add 1 Korean
1 Dash of Soy Sauce
4 Years of N.E.B.
* Alcohol (* See the Palms for Details)
2). Shake, Stir, Repeat.
3). Pour Out.
4). What do you get? A Rich Engineer.

Dykes
1996 - Joey DuBose
2002 - Jesse Bilthuis



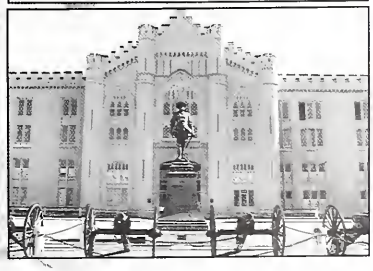
Jeremy S. LaBore
Woodbury, MN

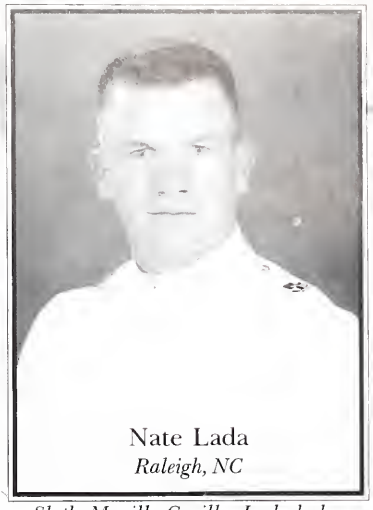
J-Dog
Marines ~ International Studies

In many ways the day I arrived here seems like yesterday and yet it also seems like it was ages ago. I suppose the time in actual years is short, it's the fact that everyone has changed so much in four years which makes it seem longer. I know I have certainly changed. The things which this place tries to beat into a young man's head, I have learned, can never be taught. I know this school is about discipline, commitment and an infinite number of other values. I am a better person today for embracing some of these things, but I had to reach them.

To 122, 112, S-11 and everyone else in Clown Co. thanks for everything I hope our paths cross again. To the Rats: Remember transferring is still an option. No really, just do your best and don't sweat the small stuff. Everything eventually falls into place, Mom, thanks for always being a phone call away. I was always happy to hear what was going on back home. Dad, thanks for the continued support of everything I do. Our time together these past four years has been limited, but well spent. Art, whether canoeing down a river or moving some item you should have thrown away years ago, you managed to make the most of everyday. I have learned a lot from you much of it more important what I learned here. To Charlene and Emilie, despite your age difference you two are more alike than you think. Both of you are entering school and moving ahead I wish you the best. Thanks for always being there and lighting things up. Have fun above all else.

Dykes
1996 - Christopher Powell
2002 - Sean Bolling, Brandon Bentley





Nate Lada
Raleigh, NC

Sloth, Magilla Gorilla, Ladadada,
Air Force ~ Civil Engineering

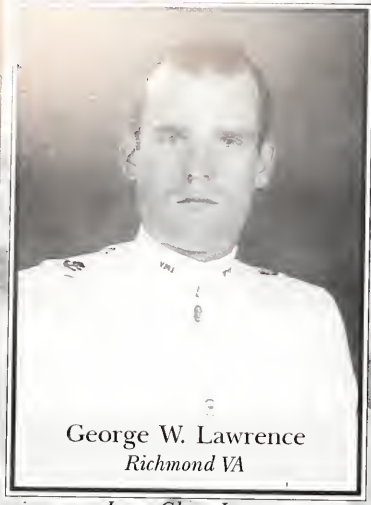
First, to my mom and dad for having the patience and generasity to send me here. I know I didn't call home very often, and I don't think I ever thanked you for sending me here, but THANKS.

I can't say I that I hate VMI, it's a great school...I wish I could say the same for the people here. I came to this school with the dream of becoming a pilot, I left this school and Airman in the USAF. To all the "wonderful" people who put me there, and tried to get me kicked out of VMI in EVERY way possible, I would like to say, "You may have wounded me, but you will never get the best of a better man." What would a first class history be without a complaint about the administration so consider yourselves complained about.

To my friends I would like to say thanks for being there. John, where would Phillip Morris be without our study breaks. V-Dogg you are VMI as I saw it before I came here. Bull, Fil, Andy (old man) thanks for believing when i did not. Eric, good luck. To friends who are still here, I am sorry it will be over before you know.

To Gabe and Brandon, good luck. I know I've told you this before but "it's all a game," and when you graduate you've won.

Dykes
1996 - Randy Redder
2002 - Gabe Hensley, Brandon Lindsey



George W. Lawrence
Richmond VA

Jerry, Glaw, Jorge
Army ~ International Studies

When you reach the end of an endeavor like this, there is only one thing to say, "whew!" It's been a long four year years, full of trials, tribulations, and everything in between. There have been extended vacations, prolonged absenses, and a lot of money dropped on cheese steaks. I can't say I wouldn't trade some of it, but I'll survive with what I've got.

There are a ton of people that deserve to be recognized. Mom and Dad—thanks a lot. The Fam: without yall I'm not who I am. Then there are the roomates, the guys that I've lived with for three straight years. Good Lord. Jamie, Marshall, Mason: between the arguments over where to put the sweaty clothes and the laughs over Ayers and Luck...it's been a blast.

Then there's soccer. The place where I've spent most of my cadetship, besides the tv room and the Palm's. Fellas, it's been a long, windy, hilly, dirt road filled with craters, tar pits, circuits, and Mia's—all I can say is keep on trucking. Keane, Paul, Doyle—keep the faith.

To the Rats, the soccer rats and the 12 rats...just keep moving ahead with life at the "I," it will be over before you know it.

Before I go, I've only got a couple more things to say. "Caley watch out for the Tac!" and DaveO get you surfing ass back here. So long.

Moabi Lesole
Gabarone, BT

Airforce ~ Electrical Engineering

Been there done that—Intake 18 of 1994/95 at HIRIJUVA!!!

—The story remains untold. Once a soldier always a soldier!!

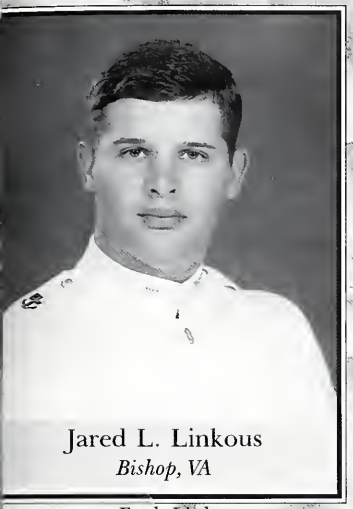
Cornell L. Lewis Jr.
Ettrick, VA

T-Bird
Army ~ Mechanical Engineering

It has been a long, strenuous, and sometimes trating four years. Fortunately, all bad things r came to an end. I would like to give a big shout to Big Dell and Dre the turtles, the C21 crew B Ditty, N-Lava, and Lil Park, DJackson, A.Darrel, Bell, Butt-Lo, CDub, Busta, Gackson, FA.D, Daddy F Funches, Pat, Big Mickey, Evening P and the res my dogs. GOOD LUCK in the future and for all of who will still be here, MAKE IT HAPPEN because know I will. For all of the 25/20's and all of the ha (Plain C... and Back Agggoooliinnn), get off of S... Cold cutters and DUTY forever. PEACE.

Dykes
1996 - Charles Bott
2002 - Eric Hudgens, Richie Palmer

Dykes
1996 - Ben Venning
2002 - Angela John, Pia Turner, Geno Cauthen



Jared L. Linkous
Bishop, VA

Fred, Link
Air Force ~ Civil Engineering

Well it's almost over, and I am almost out of here. st hope that someday the time that I spent here I have been worth it. I have made some good nds here and will always remember what good nes we did have. I would like to say congratula- ns to my roommates Graham and Brian, and all y friends and wish them much success. To my rents I would like to say thanks for giving me all the portunities that you never had, and pushing me to cceed. To dad I would like to say I will never be le to repay you for going under ground 7 days a eek and working on the good and bad days to ep me out of the mines. This diploma is as much urs as it is mine. To my mom I would like to say nks for all of the times that you have just listened me complain and supported me through every- ng. You have been there through all of the good d bad times and never let me give up. To my sister ould like to say good luck in all you do and take vantage of the opportunity our parents have en us. To my grandparents I would like to say that en-though all of you cannot be here I know that u will be with me. I wish you could be here. Last t not least I would also like to thank my girlfriend rda far being there the last two years. You have t up with a lot and always came back. I do not ow what I would have done without you. You are special; you just do not know how much it has ped to know that you are there. Thank you so ich.

Dykes
1996 - Bryan Eberhardt

Brian T. Long
Bedford, VA.

BT
Army ~ Chemistry

Well buddy, it's been a short four years lookin back on it all. We've made it through the thick and thin... and the late nights with Pchem and Analytical... and elevatar breakdowns at 0200. I remember thinking rat year that you were just same slick-country bay with a lot of women an the side (watch out for that one in blue!) As it turned out, you became the best friend I ever had and someone I have the utmost respect for. There's no doubt in my mind that you'll be a great success at whatever you do.

I think we're starting to mellaw out in our last year and stayin away fram nuclear reactors, night ops to Sweet Briar and fat chicks (the latter is kind of a Palms joke, you tell a soul and I'll kill you). The twa of us keepin it real aut there in the Chem dept. Pchem test? Let's get a drink. Course we did keep a look out for our boys. I wan't mention any names but, Bill and Sawyer Brown come ta mind. Before we head off into the real world let's get a few more AJ's and Aerasmiths with a round of Caranas. Sweet Briar- been there done that, Mary Baldwin- never again, ECU- gain, W&L- taa snooty, Hollins- DAMN!

Dykes
1996- Brian Benken, Scott Henderson
2002-Michael Imrich, Chris Martin

Chris S. Lowery
Gloucester, VA

Lowride, Cri Cri Jones, Flowery
Army ~ History, International Studies
(minor)

I came to VMI for the first time as a praspective cadet and immediately fell victim ta its beauty and reputation, to find aut over the past four years that it was only skin deep. VMI has shown me that with a little bit of casmetic surgery, anything can laak beautiful. The tremendous amount of neglect, asinine regulations and juvenile rules towards cadets always makes me wander why da we put up with this place. Well I am still wondering, it must be the little bit of pride each cadet arrives with, because this place sure doesn't instill any in you, and if it does, it is probably false and will be short lived. Whatever the ac complishments of our administratian may have been in the past, I must say that only a handful reflect them here at VMI. The majority have slipped or always have been the warst examples of officers and senior NCO's ta walk this planet.

With that off my chest, let me begin by thanking my family for giving me their undying suppart throughaut my entire cadetship. Delton, gaad luck next year and remember: Dan't sweat the small stuff! Ta my roommates Ben, Jason and Sean: waw this nightmare is finally over. I could not have done it with a better group of friends. Ta the rest of the troopers, F Traop till I die! Alex and Bobby, yau two are awesame, I know you will do well and succeed in whatever you set out to da. Finally I want to thank you Amy far saying YES!! You have kept me sane for the past 3 years and I look forward ta spending the rest af them with you as well.

Dykes
1996 - Jason Smith, Jeremy Johnson
2002 - Alex Martin, Bobby Christafore

Chi-heng Lu
Taiwan

Army ~ Math

If you ask me that if you still have chance, will you choose VMI again. My answer for your question will be "YES". During four years cadet life, I have learned some important things, and I will never learn those things if I didn't come to VMI. Anyway, before I graduate, I want to thank VMI for making me more mature and stronger, and let God bless VMI.

Dykes
1996 - Rong-jun Lai
2002-Yao-te Tseng

Stephen Lucas
Hurricane, WV

Luke, Lukedog, Cool hand
Army ~ Electrical Engineering

The time has finally come to for me to give my closing remarks on VMI and what seemed like the longest four years of my life. I'm not going to do the usual whining and complaining about the I. First off, I would like to thank my parents for the 'tough love' act and keeping me focused. Obviously you guys knew what was best and I deeply appreciate it. Although I am not going to miss living in barracks, I will miss my good friends that had to live in that hole with me. Like, Buster "I change my sheets alot" Douglas, you can go to grad school and make the big bucks, but don't forget the little guys with the hard major that made it all happen. 1st Lt. Mo, please stay out of TROUBLE (ie. driving and wrestling). My boy Webbie, thanks for being a good friend, but I have one suggestion: Let's try to hit the trash can next time. The papers on the wall in club 52 should not be outlined with cool aid/dinner. Z, the man with a million nicknames ("Jim", "Hair Pie", "Puffer"...), thanks for dragging me out on weekends and making sure all of those drinks behind the bar were not poisoned. To the EE boys of '99, since we are not all going to the same graduate school, there is still a chance to start a company for ourselves. We will call it, Joke On Everybody's Mom and Get Nothing Done, INC. Jason "YOU THE MAN" Brown, Curtin Uni is still suffering from our great big adventure. To my dykes, I hope this place treats you well and if you guys don't learn anything from VMI just remember one thing, "Life is too short to be serious!"-Luke

Dykes
2002 - Ryan Davis, Wes Smith

F. Marshall Luck, Jr.
Richmond, VA.

Salis, Stone, Freddie.
Army ~ History

The past four years of my life at VMI have b n filled with lifetime of fond memories and memo s that I would just like to forget, namely the two n ber ones I went through. As Saddam Hussein o e said, this place has been "the mother of all batt but you know what, I came out on top. Mom d Dad, you have both always been there for me w n things were at their extremes. I don't know wh would have done if you weren't there for me w n I needed you. I own you both the world and I wil y my best to continue making you proud of me d all that I do in life. You know that I will always e there for you for anything. Jamie, Mason, d George. You have been the best roommates a one could have ever asked for. I will continue cherish the late nights we had talking about e thing from girls to what the future holds for us. You know that my door will always be open to you. is not a place for everyone, but I guess now th look back at it, it was the place for me to mat into the person I am today. I have developed a str sense of pride in myself by accomplishing a f that very few people can say they have done. my rat, Lawndes, I know that his place can be v difficult at times, but you have to remember to main focused and make the best out of any sit tion this place presents you. Gibson, good luck HamptonSydney, I'm very proud of you for all of t hard work you have done to get to where you d today.

Dykes
1996 - John Ripley
2002 - Lowndes Peple

Christopher J. Lukanich
Lynchburg, VA

Luke, Napoleon, Luke Skywalker
Special Student ~ History

It's amazing how the yeors pass so quickly, thank ɔod. When I came here I was a much different erson, VMI just added to my insanity. I would like to nink that this place changed my views for the bet-er, though they might not always coincide with the nstitute's views. Go figure. Rats, find ways to enjoy our time here no matter how difficult it may be. here is always something, or someone, you can ugh at. Hey WOP, make sure you don't crash that amn plane, it's my tax dollars wild man. Buck, yes I ill eventually rule the world. LGAM , don't kill every-ne. Leave someone for all the other yut heads. eff, Kill all the lowyers.

See ya on the flip side. Later.

"Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve,
And like this insubstantial pageant faded
Leave not a rack behind. We are such stuff
As dreams are made on, and our little life
Is rounded with a sleep."
William Shakespeare "The Tempest"

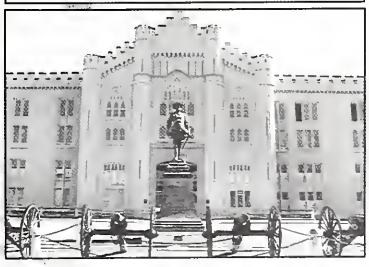
Dykes
1996 - Scott Henderson
2002 - Chris Donnelly, Berton Austin

Michael P. Maire
Long Island, NY

WOP, Godfather, Maire, Napoleon
Army ~ History

To my dyke John Dano, I would like to thank you for everything that you ever did for me. I realize how fortunate that I was to have you as my Dyke. To my roommates...Matt you always kept me in line when I needed it, I'm going to miss the crazy times when I had to control the Animal!!...Hey Burrow..what can I say man, you are one of my best friends at a place where friends matter the most...I'm never going to forget the our long talks...see you in the show one day..Craig, we got closer ever years, thanks for being there when I needed someone to talk to...hey, can have a cig man!!...John Atkins..you were one of the best teachers I ever had...I'm never going to forget those long strange trips from NY along with all the other good times we shared, Hey you got five dolla??..Matt Bryant and George Lawrence...hey, can't believe we stuck it out, I have a lot of respect for your guys...we are the only survivors in my book ..Justin and Bryan...some of the best times I ever had was last summer...I'm never going to forget those times, they will always be in my mind...Eric Martin...dude Jerry Lee says what's up!!...Mom and Dad thanks for being such awesome parents, you were my heart, soul and inspiration.Yo Cambell...what can I say man.. we went through a lot together, freshman year with the boys was definitely the bomb!!...To all my other brothers who I didn't mention, you all meant a lot to me and I wouldn't trade anything in the world for the friendship that we had. To everyone...When time plays its game and we all drift apart for whatever reason, I will see you all, on the other side, before a feast of friends in the giant kingdom..

Dykes
1996 - John Dano
2002 - Patrick Magruder



Charles E. Marr
Tidewater, VA

Buzz, Bubba-Chuck, Son, ODB
Army ~ Economics & Business

The Inferno brought us together third class year from Ironclad and room musical chairs united us >til departure. Our friendship that has evolved into an unconditional brotherhood will remain steadfast for eternity. The memories that we have endeavored are the past, but will always remain. With good times and bad, past as well as future, we will always be there for you Charles. To the King of the Apes, a little blast from the past, you created a club that was criticized by all... including your Aboys. You may have shattered a foot, but not a vision. Your persuasion, teaching, and leadership has not only addicted us to climbing, but has also instilled confidence and eliminated feor..and to you, we are thankful.

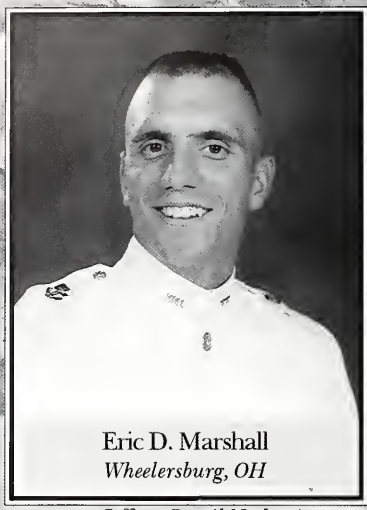
This journey that has never been predictable, has always had certain constants. The support that I have received has always come from so many directions it is in a word; staggering. My Mother and Father have been my guides, Hunter you have always been the one that I measured myself against, Malou and Waite, you intraduced me to VMI, Hunan's, and way too much popcorn, and I thank-you Noni, you have always helped to lead this family and to teach us what is right. Pop-Pop, I know that you have guided me and will always serve as an inspiration. Snoop, E. B, and yes you Jeff, found me when I was lost and helped to create the man that I am today. I prey that I never let any of you down. Jasan and Jacksan, please live your cadetship in a manner that allows you this much joy when writing your first class history.

Dykes
1996 - Bobby Prince
2002 - Jackson Castleberry,
Jason Lamendola

Alexander Marrone
Naples, FL

Fats
Army ~ International Studies

It all started back in the now non-existent India Co. with my roommates Gordy and Tex and all the other slackers that India produced. Rat year was fun but the party started in 337 with Eads, Wright, Campbell, Trubenbach, and myself. The best thing of my 3rd class year was my semester in Spain. Farrest, Pesare, and myself had the time of our lives.5 months of partying and not too much studying. JP and I were in the same boat while we were there. Traveled everywhere and met some really cool chicks. On to 237. There wasn't much that we didn't do that year. The AA meeting in Staunton, the naked wrestling, hoppy fun ball, the list could go on forever. Ring Figure weekend itself has probably been the best weekend of my life. My family was here; I had a great date, and never stopped partying. The first couple of days of spring break in Greensboro were interesting. Jamie and Mike had a great time "driving" around in Randy's car. I know haven't mentioned anything about the boxing trips with coach and Eric and his uncomfortable environment. Also, I haven't said anything about the weekends at Sweet Briar, Baldwin, JMU, or any other places that I have gifted with my presence. I do want to mention a couple of names of people who I have had a great time with, JP and my roommates including Pak,Mac, and Fred. There are the guys from India: Paul, Turp, Bushy, and ED. Also all the rest of the army guys like Ted, Mike, V-dog and Barry and al the other guys to. To sum everything up, my cadetship has been a pretty good time.



Eric D. Marshall
Wheelersburg, OH

Jeffrey, Pencil Neck
Marines ~ English

Two Roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And I looked down at one as far as I could
To where I bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Becasue it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as far that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence.
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the on less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

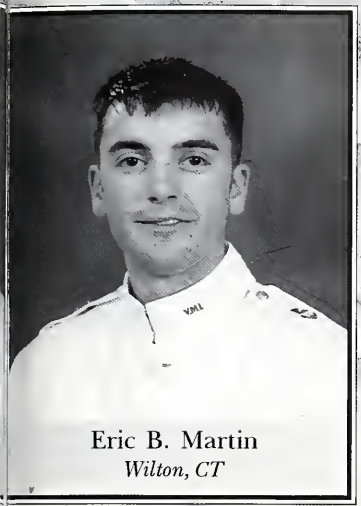
Sager A. Marshall
Richmond, VA

Sambo
Army ~ Economics & Business

I don't really know where to start, but I would e to thank my parents for their support and all e friends that came to school with me. I would c like to thank some other special people that help me accomplish this achievement; the Chalkle my grandparents, my dyke, granny, and other s cial friends. It was a long and tough four ye Some bright moments were leaving and study abroad, extracurricular weekend activities, Ring ure, and summer school. Maybe the one thing t VMI has taught us all is our strengths and weaknes They broke us down, hurt and depressed, and t built us back up, stronger and bolder, to be the m that we are today and will be.

Dykes
1996 - Mark Carter
2002 - William Bligh, Dustin Delcoure

Dykes
1996 - Jon Sherrod
2002 - Scott Watts



Eric B. Martin
Wilton, CT

Army ~ Economics & Business

The barracks that I leave behind today, are not ie same barracks that I first strained in. Yes, my chool has changed and not for the better, but there hope. Many lessons have been learned, mostly the rd way. I have also forged bands in just four years ill continue on during the happy times after VMI.

Kasper and Billy, there couldn't be a set of more erfect roommates, you fit the mold so well. There ave been times of laughter, sadness, pain, and fight- g, a lot of fighting! I love you guys, and I know that can be a tough person to live with, but without you vo, I would have never made it. Thanks for every- ing. I want to also thank their families, for being so arm and loving and acting as my second families es, this includes you too Michelle). Now for you ess, you more than anyone else has helped me rough these past four years of hard times, which ere just as hard on you. Without you, VMI would ave been dark and horrible, but you made it bear- ble, and made me see the light at the end of the nnel. Now most importantly, for the members of y family, Mom Dad, and Amy. There is no way that ould have made it without your support. From all our cards and letters, to your support over the phone hen I just couldn't take it any more. I know that ese past four years have been hard on myself, but lso see how they have affected you when it was ough on me, it was unbearable for you. Thank you r everything, I am forever grateful, and I love you! ope that I have made you proud.

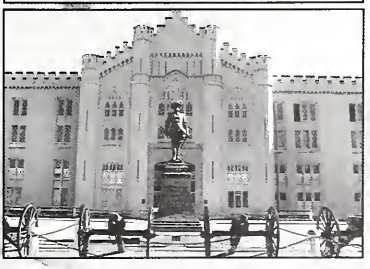
Dykes
1996 - Tom Danielsen
2002 - Kevin Hanna

Matt C. Matheny
Roanoke, VA

Mat-Tye
Air Force ~ Economics & Business

Well I guess the time is finally here...Graduation. Now that I look back, it really has flown by. That is a good thing, though. Maybe because I lived up to my philosophy that if you sleep 12 hrs a day, you will only be here 2 years. I can't say that it has been all that bad. Second class year was pretty cool; it definitely made up for the first two years. Despite all the fools, and lets face it there are a lot of them, VMI has some really good people. Playing on the Basketball team was incredible; I couldn't hand pick a better group of guys...Thanks for everything. I was lucky my rat year, I ended up with some roommates that are to this day some of my better friends. Z, Rico, and Mike, thanks for all the help you guys gave...461!!!! Third class year sucked! But again, my roommates were there to help out. Plus we were the most diesel room in barracks. And finally, the last two years. Living with Andy Fox, can you think of a worse hell? Just kidding. Andy, it's been real. You have made the last three years at this place bearable. Even when we are long gone from VMI, I know you will still be one of my best friends. Greg, Tim, and Jason, you guys need to hang in there, one day you will actually be glad you went to VMI (at least that's what they keep saying!). So to everyone else... Good luck and take care....

Dykes
1996 - Shawn Mcfadden, Quen Emick
2002 - Greg Wells, Jason Armestead



Greg McDearmon
Ballston Lake, NY

Navy ~ Civil Engineering

Greg has been one of the truest friends that I have known in my life. He has never been one to not voice his opinion, no matter what the circumstances. I have only known Greg well since I moved in the room 2nd class year. However, I can honestly say that I am grateful for the impact he and his friendship have had on my life. Stephann, take care of Greg as you know he deserves only the best in life. I have never known someone to work as hard as he does. He will undoubtedly be extremely successful in life no matter what he sets his mind to.

I am excited to graduate from VMI but am apprehensive about leaving the best group of friends that I have ever had. Jason, Brad, Chris, Josh-you guys have been the greatest roommates. The memories I have created with you guys will make me laugh fifty years from now. Jochen, Paul, Chris, Chris(old man)-thanks for always letting me vent in your room...ya'll have been great friends. Mike, Jake, Jacob, Fil, Cameron, Mark, Bull, Goose-and the list could go on. Wish ya'll the best. As much as I will miss these guys, the good thing is that I will get to spend more time with my best friend$tephann. I love you, thanks for waiting. Mom, Dad-thanks for your support, love, ears, and advice. To 102 dykes-carry on the traditions you have learned from us, do what is right, press on. To those left behind-preserve our school, our way of life. Don't let those outside or inside destroy what took so long to build. Goodbye VMI, thank you for the memories. I Sam. 2:30

Dykes
1996 - Bill Stearman
2002 - Luke Wullenwaber,
Aaron Hartland

Michael J. McDermott
Anacortes, WA

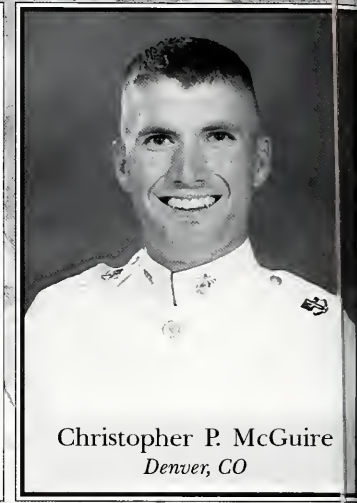
Mom, Mikey, Mcdoit, Songbird
Army ~ International Studies

I had absolutely no idea what I was getting into when I came to this school. Strain?- RDC? All I knew was that it sounded like a good place to start off an Army career. I got more than I could have hoped for, both good and bad. I have learned what it's like to be overwhelmed, depressed, ecstatic, and lonesome. What has made it all worth it and bearable are the friends I have made. Gay Puhree(flat tire?!?), Skippy(sloth to tool?), Bolt(I'm still on a mission...), Nige(sam wang!!), Kaz(florida problems), Woody(liquid breakfast), Twan(keep your shirt on, man!), Buck(wanna spoon?), and everyone else...you've helped me learn so much about myself and I will always count you as my best buds. VMI started out fulfilling all of my hopes, and has turned me into what I am, but is no longer a place I wish to be at. The changes made for PC's sake and the developments of the past 2 years have embarrassed me and made me question why I still argue on its behalf. Why do we try to please all of the critics and sacrifice the things that made the school great? I barely recognize what VMI has become. To my family: your constant support and encouragement have kept me pursuing my dreams and keeping things in perspective. I love you and credit you with my success.

Jennings W. McGraw
Berkeley Springs, WV

Quick-Draw
Navy ~ Mechanical Engineering

I can't wait to GRADUATE!!! I can't wait to see this place in the rear view mirror! Even though this place sucks, I believe the overall VMI experience will benefit you with whatever you decide to do. Just remember, you get out of this place want you put into it. When you walk across that stage, the sense of accomplishment and pride will be overwhelming. Those four years of suffrage and pain will finally pay-off with that diploma in hand and the VMI Ac-an-do@ attitude which is what employers are looking for. Do well here and pay your dues and VMI will help you go far. All I can say is stick it out. Even though each year gets harder academically, each year goes by faster and faster. So be patience, graduation will be here sooner than you think. IHTFP BOHICA.



Christopher P. McGuire
Denver, CO

Biggie Stix
Marines ~ Civil Engineering

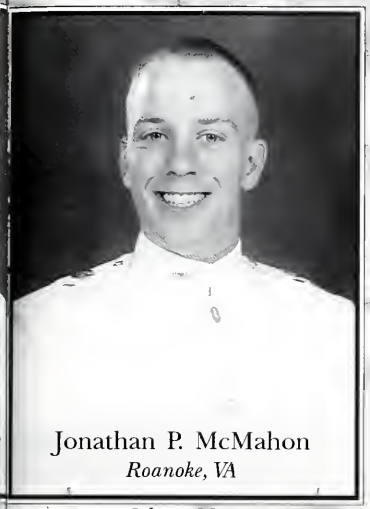
To my friends, thank you. Your friendship has made the last four years of my life truly memorable. I can't imagine enduring four years of the Institute without you.

Nan Sibi Sed Patriae

Dykes
1996 - Matt Modarelli
2002 - Matt Serra

Dykes
1996 - Darren Marting
2002 - Rachel McGraw, Matt Cichy

Dykes
1996 - Colin Boyton
2002 - Jeff Stoner



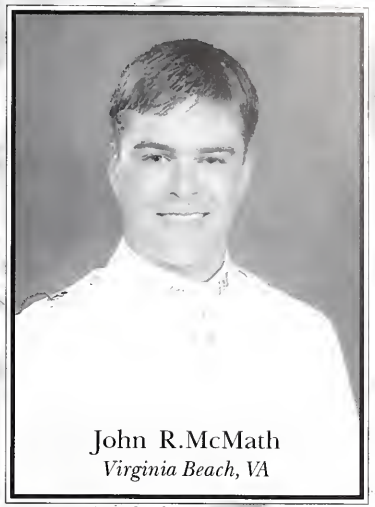
Jonathan P. McMahon
Roanoke, VA

Johnny Mac
Army ~ History

It has been a long and hard journey, but well worth it. I think/I hope!! It is hard to believe that I am at the end of this one and about to begin another one. The Al@ is a hard place to survive and even a harder place to thrive and yet here we are, the very few who had the heart and determination to stick it out through all the demerits, penalty tours, and confinement in order to prove something to ourselves. For those of you that have just begun this journey called VMI, 108 youth, I know that you all can make it and that all it takes is a lot of heart and determination to reach your goals.

There are several people that I would like to thank for their love and support. Most of all my parents who stood by me through all the trouble I have gotten into. I LOVE YOU BOTH. To my boys in Charlie Co. I'll miss you all and will not forget the times we spent together. Jason and John it has been great roaming with you guys these past two years. Ryan, I have likewise enjoyed rooming with you this past year--keep going, the end is almost near and quit sleeping so much. B.R.s there are so many of you that have meant the world to me. The only thing I can say to you is that I have enjoyed all the time we have spent together and hope that you receive all that you desire.

Dykes
1996 - Darrel Dudley
2002 - Salaaman Kawhaja

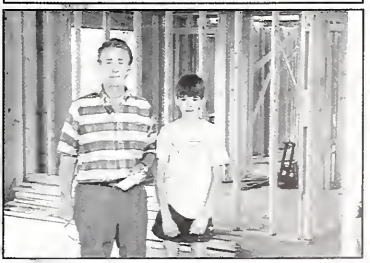


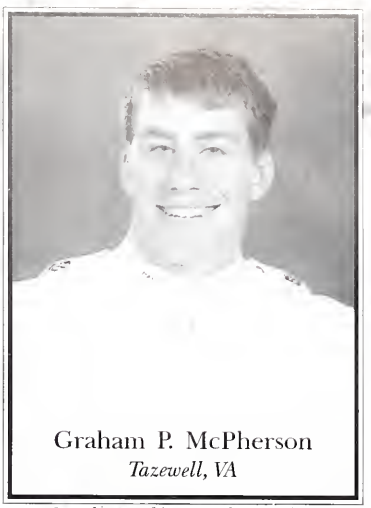
John R.McMath
Virginia Beach, VA

Spanky, Shades, Husky Howard
Army ~ Economics & Business

Sitting here, trying to put into words what the VMI experience has meant to me, absolutely nothing comes to mind. These past four years have been the longest of my life. For starters, I should have never listened to my Dad about what a wonderful time I would have here. I look at it this way: The atonement of my sins has been paid off with every PT marched, confinement served, and the trials of everyday life. In retrospect VMI has taught me a lot about how to conduct my life and make wise decisions. I've managed to have a pretty good time here, due to the endless support of my family and friends. First of all, I'd like to thank my mom and grandmother. Without your constant prayers and encouragement all this would have never been possible. You two ladies are the essence of who I am. To Lee, make the most of this place. Thanks for being the best brother a guy could have. To Corey and Andy; thanks for making this place bearable. It has been a privilege to get to know you guys better. Willis thanks for being a great friend, and being there when times were tough. To Kev, what can I say? This place truly is Alcatraz. Thanks for making me laugh it's been real and it's been fun, but it hasn't been real fun. To Jeffrey, stick it out. They need people like you and Lee here. To all of my friends not mentioned, thanks for making me laugh and showing me the lighter side of this place. See you on the flip side.

Dykes
1996 - Carter Mackey
2002 - Jeff Stephenson





Graham P. McPherson
Tazewell, VA

Mack, Mackin, Patch Knocker
Marines ~ Mechanical Engineering

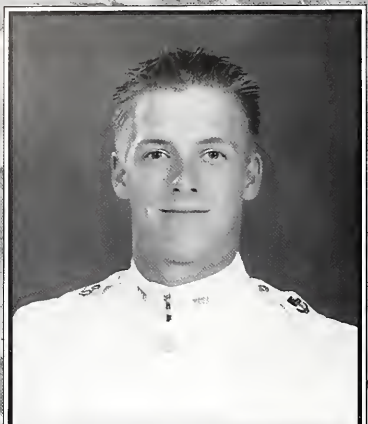
The "I" has been kind of rough at times, but so is life. And you can't change either one. I guess the best you can do is suck it up and smile. That's what I've tried to do here. I hope I have shined. Much thanks Mom and Dad for all your support. I know you've worried about me too much, and I love you both. Daniel, thanks for all the weekends and the summers. I love you brother. GRock, I don't know if you'll ever read this, but you might as well be my brother. "I'll see you sometime." We will always be boyz. Blythe, thanks for coming into my life. "It won't always be like this." You are my everything and I love you with all my heart. Beek, you ain't nothing but the roots. I missed you first semester. I won't forget about your inaccuracy with the .357. Keep knocking those patches. 2-Pak, thanks for being my boy. You better come visit T-Town sometime, because I'm coming to Korea. "We are not going to make it." Bud, hopefully this isn't the last you hear from me so I won't say much. But don't come asking me for a job later. Oh yeah, one day I will collect on those batteries you owe me, you punk. And remember, I am the Champ. Harne, sorry you weren't here to finish it up with us. I hope you're making it. Fred, we were in the same room for 3 years and nobody got hurt, so I guess its all good. There are too many people and too many memories in four years to put down here so that's all I got. Later. Picture me rolling.

Dykes
1996 - David Lawson
2002 - Anthony Sturgill, Marcus Stiltner

Mike J. Mellina
Midlothian, VA

Meat
Air Force ~ Economics & Business

Well, I guess it's time for my final evaluation of this place. The feelings are bitter so I'll be nothing but blunt. This place fools the outside world all the time. The truth is that their are no incredible friendships made here, no good times without strong whiskey, and everything from and including breakout to ring figure has been a waste. The only thing VMI has taught me is what mixes well with Jim Beam and that mother does not always know best. With assimilation of the women VMI is being watered down just as predicted. I hope somehow that the old VMI spirit that I was told about can be reborn down at the Southern Military Institute. Id like to thank Kris Widener who was a man of class, the St. Mary's Community and everyone from F2. To my rats: I recommend that you all get your grades up and transfer. To my family, I know you didn't want me to write this but ever since the Firebird I've been one to hold back and not speak my mind. Ya'll taught me my basic values before I got here so if anyone needs to be thanked Id have to thank Daddy for wipp'n and Momma for the cook'n. I'll always be your son even if we do eventually confirm a mix up in the hospital.



James F. Meyer
Midlothian, VA

Meat, Meatball
Army ~ Biology

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some very special people: To my parents who had to endure four years of constant complaints about the awful food. To my Grandparents who were there to lend their support anytime I was in need. To my girlfriend, Heather, who had to endure the worst of my complaints regarding this place.

In the beginning it seemed like this torment would never come to an end. Now that a semester remains until graduation I look back and ask myself, "Where have my college years gone?" Hopefully, one day, all of this hard work will payoff in one way or another.

Patrick E. Meyer
Richmond, VA

Pat, Patty, No-Tact
Army ~ Economics & Business

While nobody could ever accuse Pat of no speaking his mind, we know him beyond just who he says out loud. He's not one to hide his feeling but he is very modest about all he has accomplished He is the epitome of a VMI cadet, and represent well, "the three legged stool". From trips to Baldwi to Deja vu, we've all been partners in crime for thre short years. He's been a loyal study partner, drinkin buddy, and friend, turning the phrase, "you make lif long friends at VMI", a reality.

You come to VMI for a diploma, ring, and friend. I got my ring and am about to graduate, but Id tak just my friends if I had to choose. Third class year stumbled into 335 Scott Ship to study and the rest history. The group has changed little in the past thre years. Even if you went home or over seas for semester, you were still with us. All the nights spen on confinement would have driven me insane if weren't for you guys. Many failed adventures a Scary Bedrooms and drunken trips to W&L kept u sane. Perhaps my greatest achievement was draw ing both the WOP and the Mick to the lures of dip From drunken land nav to spring breaks, it was worth it all. What'll VMI do without the Midnight Rangers o 335 SS? Now, we'll graduate and be shuffled off to various branches and posts, but I know that we'll see each other. There's too much beer in the world to not get together and celebrate. Thanks Kevin, Brent, Mike, Brian, Rary. 99

Dykes
1996 - Pete Ehlers
2002 - Mark Mills

Dykes
1996 - Darren Marting
2002 - Michael Escobar

Stanley A. Midy
Columbia, MD

Stan
Army ~ Economics & Business, French (Minor)

The time has finally come and I still cannot be-eve how fast everything has gone by. I can hon-stly say that I have grown more within the last four ears than any other time in my life. Looking back, I an also say that I have had the VMI experience. I ave been fighting an uphill battle since day 1 and ave often asked myself whether the pain , misery , gony and the relentless suffering was really worth it. owever, without VMI, I don't think I would have pened my eyes and found my inner being and the orld around me. The scary part of all this is, it's only he beginning. I would like to give thanks to the lord, ny savior, for leading me through the right path in e. I thank my parents. I know I have given you hany scares here and there but, I knew that I could o it and I'm glad that you believed in me. Thank ou for supporting me spiritually, emotionally and in hany other countless ways. I cringe at the fact of ow painfully difficult it will be to part with the people hat have truly become my friends.Henry, Patrick Ilicah, Kwondo, Ki, Ke'on, Del, Corey, Sage, etc.I wish ou all the best of luck. Meredith, you have been here for me through thick and thin and have never et me down. I could never thank you enough for he love you have given me. I love you dearly and ou will always be a part of my soul. I give a shout ut to the B.W.A. crew back at home and Jane, **You till complete me. I just wish that I told you sooner.** will always love you and will never forget the times e've had, **Go Skin Reds!!**

Dykes
1996 – Kris Meier

Isaac D. Moore
Wasilla, AK

Nitro
Marines ~ History

From Alaska?! What made you come here?! I wish I had a dollar for every time I answered that question. VMI was hard, the time of four years seemed to creep by, and I was always stressed and too busy. Yet I am realistic enough to realize that I will look back at my experience here at VMI with fond memories. I take from VMI an academic diploma that is said to be worth more than a diploma from a regular college. However, I feel I take something of even more importance from this place--friendship. I would not trade the friends I have made here for anything. Gratitude must be paid to Big Les, for going through the four years of sacrifice and hard work on the mat with me; Frazier and Jason for putting up with the weight loss, and for all our experiences, its a wonder we're still alive but God it was FUN; to Mirv, for providing humor rat year, to those always willing to split a cold one: Gene, Aaron, Coley, J.P., J. Bolt, Ned, and all the others who have proved themselves as the most genuine and good hearted buddies anyone could ask for. And to Judge for providing guidance and friendship; to the above I owe thanks. I have worked hard for the last four years, as has every graduating cadet, and my reward is not something as superficial as a diploma and the hand shake of the Commandant (something I wish Travis could receive). It is the intangible yet very real friendships and experiences that I will cherish forever--that is my reward.

Dykes
1996 - Judge Charlton
2002 - James Vik

Ali E. Morales
Montgomery, AL

The Hispanic Causin' Panic, MO
Navy ~ Psychology

Well it is fitting that the time I write this I am awaiting a penalty for throwing "Alcohol" on a Citadel Alumni. Nobody messes with my people! Ever since I've entered the walls of barracks I knew that I was in for a challenge. The Institute has not been the best place that I have ever been, but it is where I have my best memories. A new life that got me out of another that was going nowhere. I never thought that I would get over losing my Marine Corps scholarship b/c of the knee, but I have found that maybe I am meant to lead somewhere else. To Chris, Jason, Ben, Sean, Bryan, Scott, Martin , you all have been True from the start and you have continued the spirit through it all thanks for keeping it alive. To Jeff: Wow the memories that we have had together! Brent you're my Dogg! Thanks for keeping it real. Friends for life! To my roommates: Dan you amaze me, only you could have been given such a good deal from VMI. You have been a loyal friend through it all, thanks bro. Patrick, my inspirational leader, best of luck to you and Heather. "Let's go to bed boys" The both of you got me to keep my head up when things have gotten rough. Q, I hope that I set a good example for you to follow. I could not have asked for a better dyke. , Grandmother I guess that you are going to see me graduate, thanks for showing me the footprints in the sand. Grandaddy I wish that I could work as hard as you do. Dad thanks for being there, w/o you I would never have made it here. To the Corps: I kept it real! STAY TRUE, **SEMPER FIDELIS!**

Matthew J. Morelewski
Norfolk, VA

Mo
Army ~ Economics & Business

Id like to start out by thanking my Mam, Dad, Sister my Grandparents, and Chap.far all there love and suppart they have given me fram day one at the "I". I can't say I've enjayed my stay here; if anything it's been the mast trying time in my 21 years an this earth, but by the grace af Gad it is finally aver! I came ta VMI seeking new experiences with all kinds af crazy dreams af success in the military. I leave happy to say a "Virgin Private" and eager to begin a new chapter to my life in the civilian sectar. I have had a full cadetship to say the least.. I've always wandered why graduating cadets chaase ta bash the "I" and now I na why, this is a prime appartunity. Ever since caming here everyane has always said the place Is going ta "Hell". Quite frankly they're right. Every year there are new rules, new Officers in barracks that dan't belang here because they were nat brought up in this system and therefare da not understand the life of a cadet. The Alumni want ta know whats wrong with the Carp laak wha's in charge non-alumni; seems add to me. Id like to also thank the Uber's for the all the prayer's, baked caakies when I wasen't allawed ta leave, the wards of encauragement and the use af there hause when I was in summer school. Last af all Id like ta thank my girlfriend, Christen, for all the letter's, phane call's, suppart and encauragement. Fram my wanderful family, ta the Uber's , Chap, rammies(Lance, Dave Justin) and Christen I never would have made it through this place if it wasen't for you all!!!!!!!!!!!!

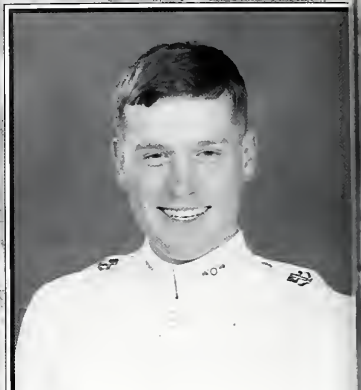
Jeffrey B. Morrison
Selden, NY

Air Force ~ English

I would like to start off by thanking my parents, grandmother, and brothers for dealing with my changes. This raller-coaster ride has came to an end, and I thank you far staying an. I cannot believe it is aver, and can't wait to begin the next step in life. Ta thase friends I have made here, Thank Yau far the gaad times. Room 252, you will never be forgatten! Ta Emelia, wards cannat express how much I appreciate aur friendship. You are always there to cheer me up and ta lend me a shaulder ta cry an – far this I Love Yau, and cherish aur friendship mare each day. Jene, thanks far the suppart this last year and a half. Your lave and friendship mean a great deal ta me. I Lave Yau! Nick, Eric and Chris – thanks far the laugns. It has been a wild year. Befare I fade into the world, I leave you with this:

...in parting from you know;
Thus much let me avaw –
You are nat wrong, wha deem
That my days have been a dream;
Yet if hape has flawn away
In a night, ar in a day,—
In a visian, ar in nane,
Is it therefare the less *gone*?
All that we see ar seem
Is but a dream within a dream.
Edgar Allan Poe

Finally, I wish to thank Uncle Larry and Grandpa far watching aver me through the years. I thank you far all you did, and I will cherish you always.



Eric D. Mowles
Buchanan, VA

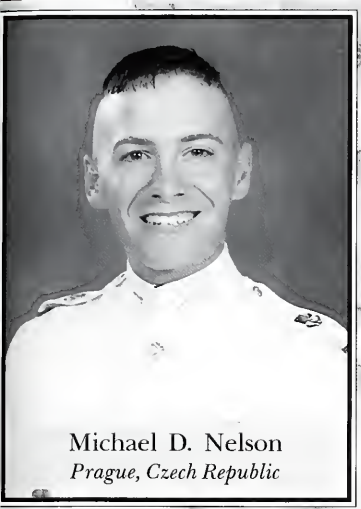
Ed
Army ~ Chemistry

It seems as if anly yesterday that I was out in th new courtyard when the drums began and cadr (with its entire splendar) marched in. India Cam pany was still true to farm as the best company c the hill. Since that point in time, the leaves did camr ga, and return, just as Mr. Hart had praphesized. Du ing which time, I met same of the greatest frienc that I will ever have. Shawn Hall (Hua if you wil shawed everyane that he could and did. Ma Vanhaase, with injury after injury, tratted an and su ceeded. Bill Darsey, ane of the greatest Christia men that I know, taught me to look deep inside of person instead of just their surface. There are man ather that have changed my life as well and dee down, you knaw wha you are. The experience people, and life at VMI have changed since I mc triculated in August '95 but all af these, old and nev will remain a fand memory now and farever. If ther were one thing that I would leave behind, it waul be the advice ta my rats as they continue my legac To Josh, Nick, and Jahn, as you continue throug VMI, remember to da everything with dignity an pride and treat everyane with the respect that the deserve.

Dykes
1996 - Dave Ellsworth
2002 - Ross Booth, Lee McMath

Dykes
1996 - Nick Belisemo
2002 - Matt Mitchell, William Bligh

Dykes
1996 - Jeff Mozgala
2002 - Josh Schreiber-Schoonyan



Michael D. Nelson
Prague, Czech Republic

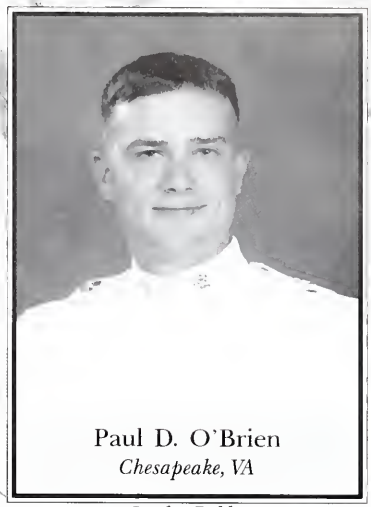
XSober MikeX, Toe Jam
Army ~ History

I'm not sure exactly what to make of my time here at VMI. At the very least, I know it was definitely not what I expected as an anxious high school kid. In many ways the Institute has lived up to and exceeded my expectations. However, it is a place that will forever hold fantastic memories for me and, despite what many of us say, I will miss it. Of course, the thing that makes it special is, above all else the bonds I have made here. Opus, I don't know what sick twist of fate caused us to be roommates, but it was more different people ever lived together then it's news to me. Ham, I guess it was about time that you and I roamed together, since I spent half of my third class year in your room anyway. Travis, you and are the 450 survivors. After surviving as rat roommates, especially that one week, I guess our friendship could probably survive just about anything. Thanks for being there on those late night stoop walks. Aaron, you and I have probably gotten ourselves into and out of more unexplainable situations. Mad Dog, we certainly have had our tests of friendship in the past, but from the fire we forged a bond that will survive the test of time. See you in the Army. To Mom, Dad, Chris, David, and Kathleen, God made us family, love made us close. Thank you for everything. Of course, thanks go out above all to God. Thank you dear Lord. Too all those who were my buddies here, you're the reason I made it, and to those of you who didn't like us in 84, we didn't like you either.

Jeremy R. Obenchain
Vinton, VA

J-Chain, Jeremias, J
Air Force ~ International Studies

I owe many thanks to many people for my success here at VMI- to Patty S. Col. Bulger-Barnett and Purdy Bay, gave me an experienced unrivaled in my life. Most importantly though to Mom, Dad and Zak, for without their undying love, patience, and understanding I would not have made it!!! To my grandmothers, thank you for the letters of support and faith. Grandma Lawhorn, to you, I owe the world. To Hillary, although you arrived in my second class year, you carried me through a lot. More than you'll ever know and for that I thank and love you. To Travis, Chris, and Mike, thank you for everything you did, are doing, and will do. To Morta and Elena, thank you for opening my eyes, mind, and heart. To Jay, thanks for one of the best years of my life and for being the older brother I never had. You mean a lot to me. To 120 and 122, WOW! What can I say? From Spain, the Palms, Hallins, and the Barnyard—we did what we had to do! You all better stay in touch and to you Coley—stay alive and out of jail. To Purdy, I'll never forget you're making me skip a whole week's worth of classes to hit the beaches of Portugal. Good luck to you in all your endeavors. To Bud, I also want to thank you You're probably wondering why, but you opened my eyes to a different side of life. To CJ, I'll never forget those chats 3rd class year and all the "victories" in Cameron Hall. Finally, to the man up above who, has guided me and will continue to show me the way



Paul D. O'Brien
Chesapeake, VA

Lucky, Pablo
Navy ~ Biology

I never thought life at VMI could be all that bad, but over the years I have found that it is indeed far worse than anything I could ever imagine. Despite all of the foolish and often trifling rules and regulations associated with this place, I must admit that it was definitely worth it. That doesn't mean that I haven't looked forward to the day when I can finally act my age and not have to worry about ridiculous things like being in an "all-right" place at Taps every night. I should probably thank my roommates, Matt and Wirt, for putting up with my many mood swings and what probably appeared to be a never- ending foul mood. I would also like to thank my parents for their love and support throughout the enduring hardships of my cadetship. I must also pay tribute to my dykes, Ken, Chris, John, and Charles who helped me make it through my rat year and paved the way for the rest of my time at VMI. They say that the goal of VMI is to produce the VMI man; while this may be true, even in my case, I have still managed to maintain the child within.

"I lived my life in an 8 x 5 room just cruisin' to the sound of the big diesel boom, It's not close quarters that would make me snap it's just dealing with all the unadulterated crap" ~ Jimmy Buffet

Dykes
1996 - Mark Simmonds
2002 - Rob Elder, Matt Wilder

Dykes
1996 - Travis George
2002 - Fred Fox

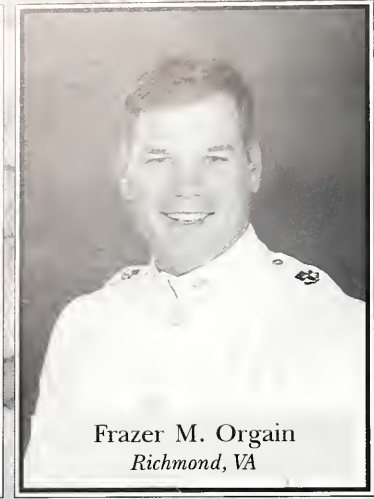
Dykes
1996 - Ken McCoy
2002 - Kevin Fields

J.P. O'Dell III
Ewing, VA

Opus, Captain Redneck
Air Force ~ Computer Science

Well, after a long trek, the end of the "Road Less Traveled" is finally here. Even though the majority of my cadetship was a blur, I am still walking away with a mind boggling amount of great memories, and just as many bad, all of which are unforgettable and none of which I would trade for anything. It's funny how time at VMI works, the days seem like weeks, the weeks seem like years but the years slip away like seconds and leave you wondering where they went. A lot of appreciation goes to Amanda and my family, you guys were always there no matter what happened, thanks a lot. To all of my friends at the "I", you know who you are, you guys are the greatest. You all had a part in helping me keep my sanity in this place, it's amazing the bonds that are made in a spartan environment like this. It's the small things most people take for granted that make this place bearable, like ordering pizza late at night, risking 4 months confinement just for 30 minutes uptown and a beer and being allowed to leave you bed down past 0800. SaberMike, I don't know how we managed to get thrown together, but I don't think it could have worked out any better. At least I understand "City Folk" a little better now. And for all those sleepy mornings in the future, remember, "Burning Desire". Ham, I guess you were the icing on the cake First Class Year. You really had the ability to "fill the room". You were always able to lighten up any situation, no matter how bad.

Dykes
1996 - Randy Shy-taur Shyu
2002 - Scott Hunsberger, Jason Breeding



Frazer M. Orgain
Richmond, VA

Lil Ogie
Marines ~ Psychology

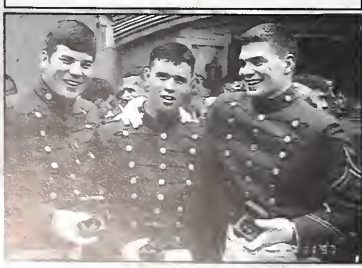
As Frazer left for VMI I was happy and sad, scared and confident, but mostly proud. I'll never forget his phone call home when he told me he had jumped off the fourth stoop into the laundry truck. What had VMI done to Frazer? Soon I learned that going to and dealing with VMI was like playing a strategic game. The rules were simple; if something made sense it was against the rules. Frazer played the game right. For the most part he has stayed out of trouble, made close friends, and became a real man. I am sure most of you will never forget the old man image of Frazer walking around with his cane after he had had back surgery. I'm sure you'll never forget that idiot who jumped off the fourth stoop, and I am sure you'll never forget the fact that he is an all around great guy. I know yall have had good laughs that I'll never know about (and don't need to know about)and I know you have been through good times and bad but I am still awe struck by the way you do it together. Isaac, Jason, and all the others, you are more than just Brother Rats, you have a bond I'll never fully understand. To summarize my feelings about VMI and probably yours too, it is best explained by a quote by Mark Twain-

"I am glad I did it. Partly because it was worth it, but chiefly because I shall never have to do it again."

Written By: E. Corbin Adamson

I knew that she would say what I wanted to say the best, and she did. But that is just one of the reasons why I love her so. -Frazer M. Orgain

Dykes
1996 - Cassel Adamson, Chad Gill
2002 - Keith Graham

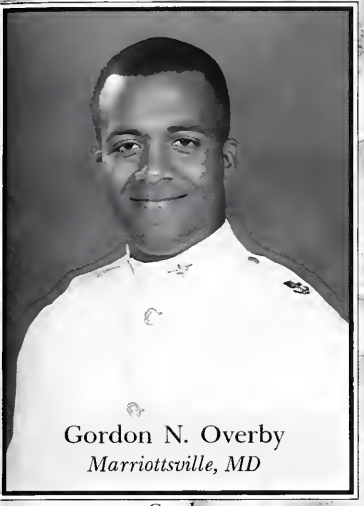


Christopher B. O'Toole
Elkin, NC

Tooley, Sugarbear
Army ~ History

The last four years at VMI have flown by. I worke everyday to find humor in this place and I feel rathe successful. Thanks to Collins, Stephens, Tren Jamouneau, Bull, Howle, Yates, and Seamus the year have been full of laughs. By looking at my repor card you may find that laughing was all I did at VM but you can draw your own conclusion. The friend I have made here are the best I will ever have. Als my dyke, Hoffa, pulled me through the tough times Thanks guys. Maybe we will cross paths again, but i not, you all will never be forgotten. They say tha these are the "best years of our lives," but "they don't always know what "they" are talking. The years here have been rewarding and I am sure tha attending VMI was the right decision. Thanks for the chance to be here.

Dykes
1996 - Christian Hoff
2002 - Christopher Sullivan

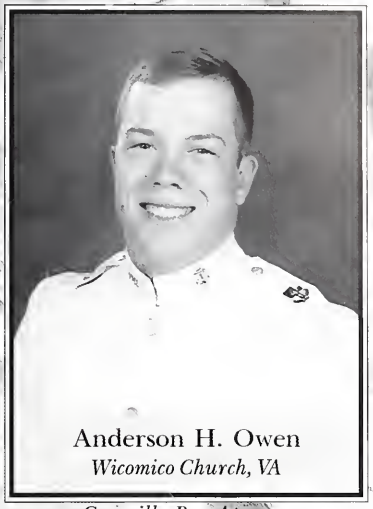


Gordon N. Overby
Marriottsville, MD

Gordy
Air Force ~ International Studies

VMI has opened many doors for me and shut others in my face. Hopefully, in a couple of years I will have the same appreciation that my Dyke now has for this place. In matriculating to VMI I had grandiose expectations. However, walking through Jackson Arch I have experienced what I never imagined. Although not the spit shined place of higher learning I thought it to be, VMI has taught me about myself. At VMI I was able to travel to Ghana, West Africa an experience that I will remember for a lifetime. With the experiences I have to mention the knuckleheads who have helped me through good and bad: Claxtan (Lenny) Fallen, and Barry Lee (Hua) Williams. I'll remember our weekends at Sweet Briar, UVA, and all around... seasoned with a little BUDWEISER on the breath.

Throughout this experience there are many people that deserve my sincerest gratitude. First, I would like to thank God for getting me to this point in my life. My mother for overall support and unconditional love, step-father for focus and resilience, my father for the idea of the legacy, Pop-Pop, Granddad Starke, and Grandma Randall for being in my dreams and always giving me inspiration to push a little harder. "You can win as long as you keep your head to the sky."



Anderson H. Owen
Wicomico Church, VA

Guerrilla Boy, Apeman
Navy ~ Economics & Business

Wow! Graduation? But this is only my fourth year, I won't argue. After three years of "good deals", "new deals", and "no deals" this is the best deal VMI ever gave out. Hanestly this place has not been that bad even though I have one semester-left. Throughout my cadetship I have collected allot of memories from thinking matriculation was a dirty word to the first time I saw the words "You May be what you resolve to be" and never really knowing what that actually meant until now. VMI has been the greatest struggle of my life. They say adversity builds character, well if that is the case I have built a lot of character, I think VMI has helped to shape and mold me the person I am now and for that I am thankful. To my roommates I can not wait until the day when we can all look back and laugh about this place. Thanks for each encouraging moment and all the laughs. Jamie, thanks for being there for me, the greatest moment in my cadetship was meeting you. Mom and Dad, thanks for sending me to college, I could not have made it this far without you. Chep, thanks for helping me become a better man.

To the class of '99', God bless you all in your endeavors.

Brian S. Pak
Falls Church, VA

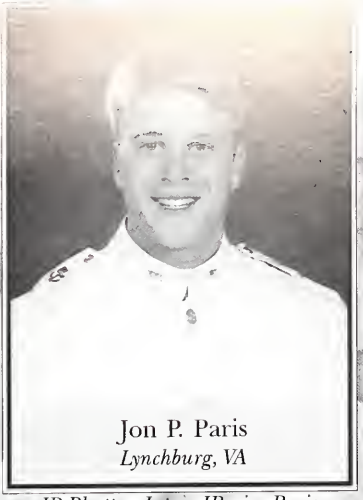
Pakman, 2Pak
Army ~ Mechanical Engineering

First of all, I must thank my mather for everything she has done for me. I know I wouldn't be here right now without her support. I owe her so much I don't know if I can ever repay her back. In short three years that often felt like three decades, I was searching for an answer to the question, "VMI @ VMI?" I don't exactly remember why and when I decided to come to VMI, but I'm glad I made that decision. I came to VMI, hardly knew what I was in for until my cadre gave me a clue by yelling at my face and made me do infinite number of pushups. I can never say I enjoyed being here for three years plus, but things weren't always bad. How often I heard within the Corps, "I hate this place!" Yet, we know that we wouldn't trade our sacrifices and experiences at VMI for anything else in the world. VMI has provided me an opportunity to find out what I am made of; taught me how to work under pressure, adversity, and against my will. Now, my days at the Institute are almost over. Along with education and discipline I received at VMI, I'm ready to move onto the next journey of my life and face new challenges. Many thanks to my roommates, Mac, Fred, Billie, and Bravo BRs. It's unusual to see an Asian living with a redneck and a hillbilly for number of years, but friendship and brotherhood we forged overwhelmed our differences. Best of luck to you guys and I'll see you either in Tazwell or in Fairfax. Finally, to my only true love, I always have and always will love you. I look forward to a wonderful life together when I get out of here.

Dykes
1996 - Matt Creech
2002 - Quitman Smith

Dykes
1996 - James Johnson
2002 - Jason Goldstein

Dykes
1996 - Paul Zackrison
2002 - Wayne Kendrick



Jon P. Paris
Lynchburg, VA

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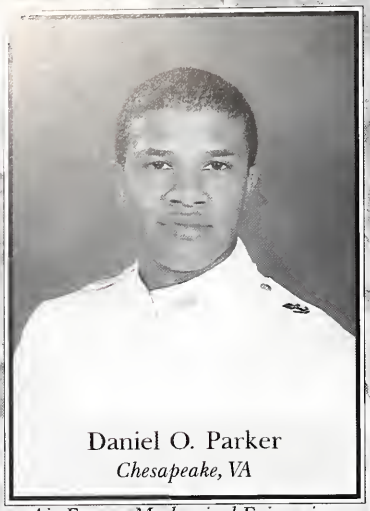
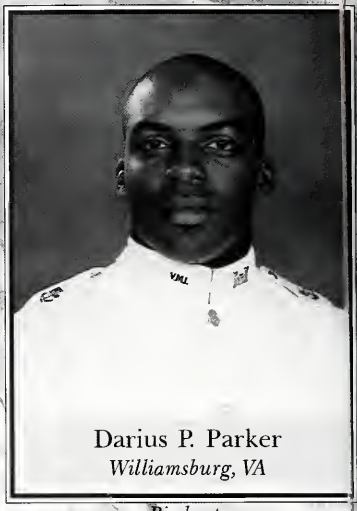
Army ~ History



Daniel O. Parker
Chesapeake, VA

Air Force ~ Mechanical Egineering



Darius P. Parker
Williamsburg, VA

Big booty
Airforce ~ Electrical Engineering

Looking back on my four years at VMI, I can only be filled with a sense of nostalgia for what the past once held. I can only be filled with a sense of hope that co-education will not completely ruin an institution once regarded as one of the finest in the world. Looking back over my four years, I find it ironic that my most enjoyable years were my first two, those supposed to be the worst. Somehow, the light seemed to shine brighter, institute policies seemed more fair, and pride existed throughout a majority of the corps. Instead of praising an institution which no longer exists, I would like to thank first and foremost, my **PARENTS**, who have not only raised me in proper instruction, but have also set an example to be lived up to, and taught me honor long before I came to VMI.

Second, I would like to thank my **FRIENDS** at home and at VMI. A special thanks goes to the boys of 446 and the _28 rooms: Momma Mike, "Tight Pants" Jolt (Boltahroo), "Worm" Skippy, "Pumpkin Head Rosey" and Twat "The 9th year 1st Classman. Other shots go out to Chad, Jason, Moe, Benjy and Patty 5, Grant "The Caboose" Eddy, and "Rolly Poley" Liam. To my dyke, Mark, I would like to leave you the hope of making this school what it once was or, at the very least, an improvement from what it is now. You guys are the reason I will miss this place, you were the very reason I always came back, you were the reason I made it through.

Two Roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And I looked down at one as far as I could
To where I bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had tradden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence.
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the on less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

I would like to thank God for giving me the abil and opportunity to come to VMI. My parents ar relatives for there steady encouragement. My dog you know who you are. To my boy's that are still he I'll be with you for a semester. But after that you on your own. -To my rats. Darryl, Pedro, and Popp keep hope alive.

I'm out.

Dykes
1996 - Jim Warf
2002 - Mark Camblos

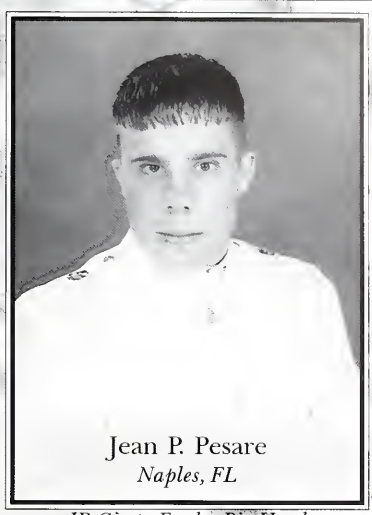
Dykes
1996 - Carl Renne
2002 - Pedro Garcia

J. Daniel Payne
Hanover, VA

Danny, Maximum, Crazy
Army ~ Economics & Business

To all my true friends who ran with me through years, I'll never forget you: Twan, Travis, Josh, nny, Charlie, Tyler, Phantom, and Corey. We had ne great times and trips, thank God we never got ught. I can honestly say I had some of the best es of my life with you guys, thanks for getting me ough this place. To all of my boys who the system ught down, they didn't know what they were ng and I'm sorry for not doing more. As for all of se who tried to hold us down, you fooled a lot of ople cause in my mind you women have been e for many years. To all the crew who is still here another one or two: Rowdy, Bone, Double E, Mike, d; we had some great rides through the roads of town/state, keep on rolling, don't let anyone try d stop you, keep living your life, not theirs. To Eric & my sibs, I love you, I made it!! To my love/ tfriend, Sarah, thank you for everything, you have oed me in so many ways to get through here, I uldn't have made it without you. I saved the best last, my parents. The greatest, most caring and derstanding parents in the world. Mom and Dad, are the best, I truly couldn't ask for better par- s/friends. Yoll deserve the diploma, not me. I love so much, thank you! "Never short the task...". I n't Dad, thanks for everything, I love you. Mom, u're the sweetest, most loving mom in the world, I e you, thanks a lot. To the Payne family, may the nd remain strong, the best damn family in the net.

Dykes
1996 - Steve Taylor
2002 - Chris Lane



Jean P. Pesare
Naples, FL

JP, Gimp, Frodo, Big Head
Army ~ International Studies

Id like to begin by thanking a few people for making the last four years of my life possible. Mom and Dad for picking up a J-P egg at the store in 1976 and subsequently incubating it for 9 months (and all the love and support). Joanne for everything (Id need another sheet for this one), all of my relatives and people who might as well be my relatives, especially the Marrone family, 1SG Kolchins for motivating me, Col. Price for getting me drunk enough to want to go to this school, Vaughn and Diane, my friends for keeping me drunk enough to stay here, all the girls I've loved before (thanks for nothing, lay off the Prozac), my Rat roommate Chris McGuire for convincing me not to parachute off the 4th stoop, my Dykes for the hazing that doesn't exist at VMI, whoever approved my study abroad in Spain (sucker), the taxpayers for picking up my bar tab while in 6 countries in 3 continents, Coach Colkins for showing me that I really do have a Big Head, whatever higher power decided to save my life over a dozen times during Ring Figure, all the people at NAPA for the great experiences with Sparky, the Army department at VMI for not letting me go on the "Love Boat", that one chic for wearing those vinyl pants I love so much, Sgt. Ostermann for the beer, my roommate Scott, Trube for teaching me how to surf, Van for being like the brother I never had (and never really wanted anyway), Patrick for "now you get in there!!!", and last but not least, me for making this whole thing possible. GOOD JOB, SPORT!!!

Dykes
1996 - Jamal Thomas
2002 - Joe Scarbrough

Lars A. Peterson
Cockeysville, MD

Grinch, Head, Swedish Avenger
Navy ~ Mechanical Engineering

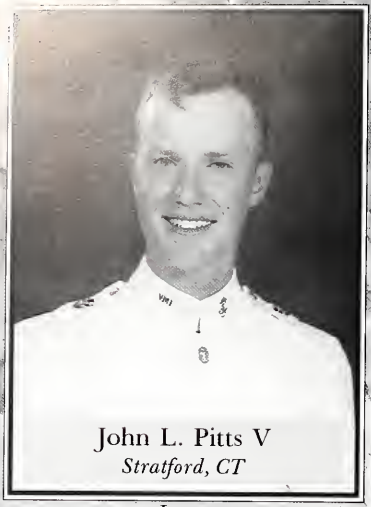
Well I come here thinking that this place was the best military college in the country. I believed it as a rat and even as a third. But I finally realize that this place is just one big sadistic game. You just have to hunker down and plow through all the b.s. To my roommates, Phil and Chuck, well it's been fun. We got drunk, we destroyed things, we went on confinement. Have fun graduating Chuck. Phil, I'll see you next year in the concourse for another year of fun at the "I" and NEB. To my girlfriend Angela, well it's been hell trying to date you here. But we've made it. You more than anybody else have kept me from going insane. We going to have many more happy years together. To my family, thank you for supporting me through my prison sentence here. I probably wouldn't have been able to make it without you. To the Mechanical Engineering Department, I wish to thank you for keeping my cadetship "interesting". I feel you all deserve to win the purple reamer award. To Gyimah, my academic "BR", well it's been hell going through the ME dept. Have fun yut bunny! Remember one thing: BOHICA. To the Commandant's staff, if it weren't for you I wouldn't have started drinking, smoking, chewing tobacco,..... Thanks a million. Look after that endowment real careful, you wouldn't want anybody buying a corvette with it.

Dykes
1996 - Clay Richardson
2002 - Chad Leo, Paul Stamp

Hunter I. Phelps
Lowville, NY

Skippy, Shooter, Dirt-Boy
Army ~ International Studies

Skippy is a friend, cantidant, intellectual, and mostly just a nuisance. Skippy is a product of home-schooling, which we believe has led to his impressive intellect, and queer nuances. Living with Skippy is interesting to say the least. As stated above, he is a friend, campanian, and packrat. Were skippy an animal, he would be a gnat: although necessary to the food chain, an unbearable annoyance. MFB - I must agree with Buck in his description of Skippy. To add my own feelings,I would have to say that Hunter has been a great friend and by far the dirtiest person I've ever lived with. In the immortal words of Ian Brooks, "What, did you ride the short bus to school?...Were you home-schooled?" Skippy is a great poster-child for the anti-home-school campaign. (Which I support fully) Good luck Skippy- Lyle Skippy is by far the biggest wallflower I have met in my life. The one thing I wish Skippy will never do is change. The best part about Skippy is that you never know what he will do next and I can't wait to see what the future has in store for him or should I say what Skippy has in store for the future. Best of luck in the future and by the way, don't ever become a high school teacher. -Nige - Well- I guess Buck has just about covered it all, now its time for my thanks: God, Mom and Skip (I owe you more than you will ever know), D.E.J., Buck, Slappy, Nige, MeD, Tijuana, Phattee, Sugar-Bear, Frenchy, J-W's, Spaz.



John L. Pitts V
Stratford, CT

Leroy
Navy ~ Electrical Engineering

There are many thanks which I owe to many people, but I only have room for those to which I owe the most. Thank you, Dad, Mom, and Dagney. Your constant letters and moral support were there for me every step of the way. To the George and Debbie Wheeler, my host family, you have been a second home, a mother, father, and family for me here in Lexington. I can not imagine what these four years would have been like without you. To my Lexington Foursquare Gospel Church, thank you for challenging me in my walk with God, and encouraging me since Rat Sunday. Thank you, Lord for standing by me these four years, never leaving me, and carrying on to completion the work that you began in me. As for final messages, Lu and Yan, I will miss you guys. You have been a lot of fun and I enjoyed being roommates with you. I now have a new appreciation of Taiwan, and the Chinese culture after roaming with you, and to the entire Taiwanese crowd, you are great. To John, don=t be afraid to say what you think, and stand up for what you believe. To Nate, keep pressing to do improve and don=t let circumstances drag you down. I still believe that VMI should have remained all-male, and after two years of the coed system, my concerns have been confirmed. Class of 1999, we are Brother Rats, now and always, and don=t let time dim the memories.

Conor M. Powell
Arlington, VA

Army ~ International Studies

One of my dykes once told me the hardest thing to do at VMI is to return from every break. Unfortunately, he was right. Returning every weekend, furlough and summer break has been the single hardest thing I have ever done. Thankfully, there have been many people that have helped me through my four years at VMI.

First, I have to thank God for everything, he has guided me through four years at VMI and my entire life. Also, I have to thank my family, they are everything to me. Matt, Mike and Jake thanks for putting up. I know I can be a pain in the ass but you all have made this miserable experience great. Without you three, I would never have made it. Thanks, You have effected my life in a way you will never know. To all my other friends, Purdy, Hardy, Gene, Jerry, Phil, Cam, Chris, Mark, Debo, Magee, V, Ted, Pat, Jachen, Wino, Greg, Dallas, Ezra, Bush, Ned, Ki, Troy, Woody, John, Cliff, Andy, Jamie, Ben, Marshall, Sager and any one else I forgot, you guys are great, thanks for the fun. To my dykes, Mike, Chris and Tra, no matter what any one says, you guys taught me some of the most important lessons in life. To Ryan and Nicole, I hope I have past something on to you. Hang in there, you will make it. Doc, Jimmy, Tom, Mark, Col. Bissell, Prof. Hentz, Col. Stickler, thanks for everything, you have given me so much. I hope someday I can repay everyone and VMI.

Dykes
1996 - Nick Belesimo
2002 - Vadim Fradkin

Dykes
1996 - Marc Ventura
2002 - John Carleton, Nate Wahlgren

Dykes
1996 - Mike Obadol
2002 - Ryan Peay, Nicole Ford

Michael R. Purdy
Alexandria, VA

Pea, Pretty, Purdyboy, Mikey
Army ~ International Studies

Loyalty to petrified opinion never yet broke a hain or freed a human soul.
- Mark Twain

I've been waiting quite some time now for some rt of inspiration with which to write my class history. pically, my wait has been in vain. I can't dazzle you he reader) with my command of the English lan- uage nor give you some profound sense of closure four years of...this. So, I've done the next best ing. I've chosen a pithy quote. Over the past three d one half years, I've become quite disillusioned th any sense of tradition or ethics this place has to fer. In fact, I've seen hatred, ignorance, disloyalty d myriad other vices in unimaginable abundance this fine Institute. But I, like so many others, am flicted with a peculiar pride and nostalgia when it omes to this place. Many years from now I'm sure at I will choose to only remember the good things. t for right now, I'm not so sure. Anyway, when I think ndly on my experience at this place, nothing omes to mind except my friends. The reasons why came to this place seem lost in some amorphous emory. But the reason why I stayed is quite mple...my friends are here. So, to Jackson, Obe, d, (My crazy F#%&*%$ roomates) Benji, James ward, Ki, Ned, Isaac, Hennigan, Coley, Patsy, Dolph, it, Luckstone, Labore, Beek, (clowns, all of you, owns), My cadykes: Vince and Rimjab, Rm. G28 onrad & Crew), Rm. 150 (Five-year old, Ogelet,

Andrea R. Quarles
Louisa, VA

Air Force ~ History

Two Roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And I looked down at one as far as I could
To where I bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear,
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the on less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

Travis Quesenberry
Roanoke,VA

Q, Quiz, Gun-dog
Army ~ Economics & Business

Four years is a long trip down the "road less traveled," but what a trip it has been. When people ask me why I went to VMI, I typically tell them that I don't know, but I know it was the right choice. If there is one thing I've learned from here it is that situations are what you make of them. And about the only way you can make it through this place mentally intact is with the help of your friends. First I want to thank my family for putting up with and standing behind me through it all, even though I think mam had more fun than I did. To Barry, Gordy, and Claxton; it's been a fun and interesting last two years as roommates, to say the least. From Barry constantly motivating us, to getting brake off by teachers, it comes down to getting out of this place. To Dave and Matt; you guys were just like roommates to me, probably because you both were at points in time. Its guys like you that made this place what it was for me and I hope this continues for as long as we are all around. To Matt, Tony, and the other co-dykes; you all have a long road ahead of you, make the most of it and keep the grades up. And finally to John, my boy. Through everything this place hits you with, you've been there with me. After all the long nights, long girl talks, and trips we've had, do we have some stories! Just remember, we'll always have each other's back. You and Kerry are going to be great together, I can't wait to go ring shopping with you. Till then, I'll see you on the other side.

Dykes
1996 - Ryan McCarthy
2002 - Tasha Strain, Ryan Manor

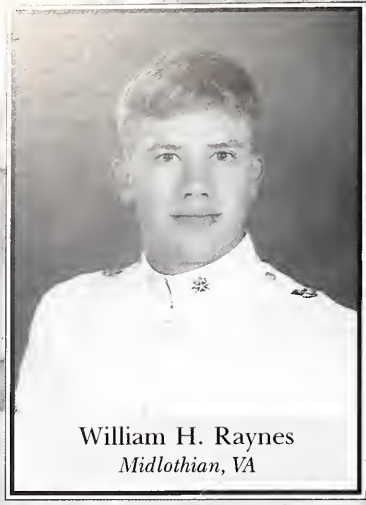
Dykes
1996 - Jason Church
2002 - Matt Brooks, Tony Dickson

Martin L. Ratigan
Wappingers Falls, NY

Rat-Again, Popeye
Army ~ International Studies

My experiences of VMI are vast and impossible to describe within this small space. I arrived as a glossy eyed homesick New Yorker with a desire to be challenged and a strong will to succeed. Now that my four years are over I can say that the Institute provided me with what I wanted, several (seemingly impossible at times) missions. The Institute's culture and face has changed drastically within my time here but it still satisfied my thirst as I walked everyday with a new problem to deal with. I am leaving now and my name will surely be forgotten but I will never forget the Institute or the obstacles which stood before me. VMI has changed me to a man. A man who is no longer intimidated or nervous. I am strong and ready for the world to challenge me but I know it will never be as hard as the Institute was. To the Institute I thank you for making my life difficult, it is exactly what I wanted. World try your best but you will fail!

My accomplishments could not have been made without support. My heart belongs to my parents. Johann Von Goethe said "We are shaped and foshioned by what we love." I can not think of a better explanation of who I am. My ass , however, belongs to the Troop. "Friendship is always the union of a part of one mind with a part of another: people are friends in spots" The friends within the Troop are true friends in every sense of the word. This tight knit group will never be forgotten or taken for granted. Till the day I die I will always be an R-Trooper.



William H. Raynes
Midlothian, VA

Army ~ Economics & Business

Billy began the Institute as a normal scraggly-haired pencil-necked geek. He came to the immediate realization that V.M.I. was a truly crappy place. Billy continued through his rat line, pushing and pulling with the rest of them. Billy held his ground, which has always been his strength, and some may say his weakness. Billy never asked for any trouble, it just seemed to find him. When Billy decided his hard-headedness would help in the boxing ring, who did the coach have Billy spar with? Only a national champion, the same guy who kicked Billy's butt in wrestling during high school. Would the beatings ever stop? Billy is good ole American toughness. 160 pounds of fury waiting for another 40 ounces of freedom. That's why we love him and he loves us. He is Cold Steel.

Most of us already know this place has housed some of the worst and some of the fondest memories we will ever have. If it wasn't for my friends and especially my family I wouldn't have made it. Mom and Dad I owe everything to you. I know it was hard for you to watch me go, but you gave me all the tools(and funding) necessary to succeed. Michelle, you also supported me through the past four years and it is very much appreciated, but all I have to say is VPI sucks! Eric and Kasper I know it has been hard as hell to live with me for the past three years, but we created a friendship I hope we will never lose. To Grey, Roy, and both Kevin's, keep out of trouble and make the best of this place.

Lee B. Rees
Madison, VA

Army ~ Biology

I am not sure why I come here, ask me again twenty years. I think that coming here might be the best thing that happened me. Anyway, this place sure does keep you guessing. This is the only place that even after you supposedly get out of the hardest part of being here you still feel the same. I am not sure where I am going with this. Who really cares anyway? I sure don't. Well the one thing that I like here is the hurry up and wait and the constant waste of time that take place here so I really don't want to keep anyone.

Dykes
1996 - Chad Kaschak
2002 - Paul Busenberg

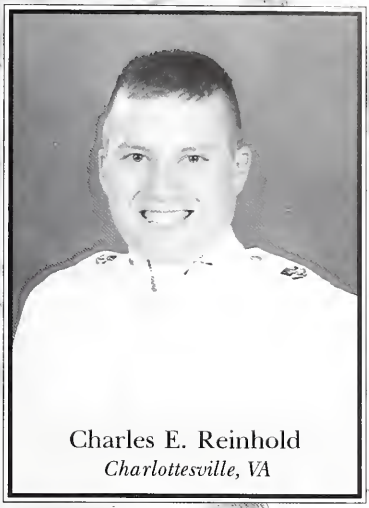
Dykes
1996 - Greg Bamford
2002 - Grey Lester

Dykes
1996 - Dallas Richards
2002 - Casey Dingee, Kevin Zirkle

Christopher J. Reid
Bedford, VA

Reidels, J
Special Student ~ History

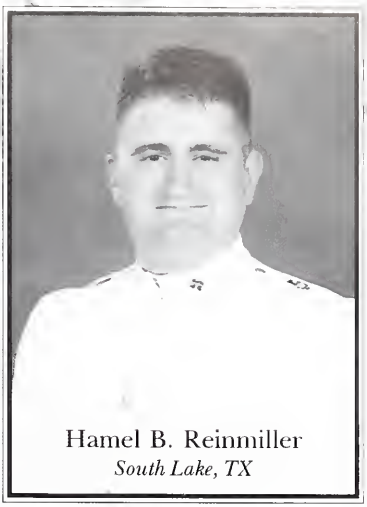
I have had a great several years here, and I have njoyed almost all of my roommates. Kato, my rief roommate and former Ring-Dyke, Hau Ab!! To e class of '96. Doug, I hope that you resolve your emale issues. Mike and Nate, ya'll talk too much P, when we finally get out of here I'll see you in edford. Thank you Mom and Dad for supporting e through all of the bad grades, suspensions, etc. ost of all, thanks for paying for everything. I love ou guys. Hope you're saving up for law school! Kelley, thank you for being there, and here, when needed you the most. I Love You. Can I graduate now, I'm getting too old for this cheiss.



Charles E. Reinhold
Charlottesville, VA

Chuck
Army ~ History

I came to this place knowing that it would be difficult and found that it was far worse than I could have possibly imagined! I thank God and my family and friends for their continued support that got me through the Rat Line and this far. I am in your debt. I especially want to thank my Mom, Dad, Donna-Lee, Billy and James for their everlasting love and support! It is what I have depended on and found great strength in. Christen, my love! Our time has come! Thank you for your love and devotion! I hope to make you happy as we join our lives. To my dykes Kay, Paul and Mike...You guys really showed me what this place meant and helped me immensly! I hope that I have made you guys proud! Thank you for your continued support! Lars and Rock..you guys are great friends and I know that we'll keep in touch..To all the others out there who believed and prayed and hoped, I thank you! To all those others who tried to keep me down and get me out...P@Sk you!!! I made it! Rats...remember that you can do it, but do it right! If you leave, I will find you and drag you back! You can do all things through Him who strengthens you!?



Hamel B. Reinmiller
South Lake, TX

Air Force ~ History

Well, the road less traveled is almost over. Concern, excitement, anxiety, and pride surround me as I wade through my first class year. I have always said that VMI will be a great place to be from and that opportunity is finally here. I am so grateful to everyone that pushed me and guided me through my cadetship at VMI. The memories with friends are unforgettable and the lessons from faculty and staff (Colonel Williams) are permanent. Although it is mostly through friendships, memories, bonds, shared experiences, and a few lessons learned, VMI will undoubtedly stay with me for the rest of my life.

To mom and dad, I hope you both know how important you are to me. Your support through all of the trials and tribulations of my cadetship means more to me than you will ever know. I know that my time at VMI has been a challenge to you just as it has me. Your faith and belief in me has been one of my driving forces since August of 1994 when you dropped me off at VMI for the first time. Thank you for your patience and endless love.

Dykes
1995 - Ho Jin Kim
2001 - None, too much trouble

Dykes
1996 - C. Kavanaugh
2002 - P. Hunter, M. Herlehy

Dykes
1995 - Bill Percival
2002 - Peirre Lavie, Tim Tendall

Matthew G. Reinstein
Montpelier, VA

Scuter
Air Force ~ History

I began my stay at the Institue as many with excitement. I soon learned that the picture that this place portraes is just that a picture. A man once told my father that "the Citadel and VMI are the only two schools producing officers of any quality." That was true at one point, not now. VMI now looks to train people to follow blindly, never to think for themselves and punishing those that attempt to change things. One this year tried to change something, living conditions his reward constant inspections. But VMI trains leaders! The best leaders in the Corps all seem to be privates, yet VMI trains leaders. There are those that say "this country needs VMI men (and now women, that's later) and there beliefs." Yet this same person makes changes to VMI saying earlier in my cadetship, "that VMI will not change." The introduction of unifrom changes that now make VMI look like the average run of the mill. There is only one thing I bring away from VMI that is above all other schools, the HONOR system. Women at VMI have changed the school even if those in charge won't admit it, it has this school is not even close to the same. To my parents I love and thank you. With out you this would have broke my sprit. Between you and God you gave me a place to stand. I will never forget your sacrifices and misplaced pride. I love you. To my sisters Ashley and Char I'm sorry for my actions in these years, I only hope I can make up for it. I write this to all of you because I could never say it.

Timothy J. Remzi
Dumfries, VA

Wop, Turk, Rem Dog
Army ~ Economics & Business

I can finally say that I have done something with my life that will benefit me in the future. My intentions were to sit down and bash this place, but looking back on the times I had here it was pretty fun. All the pushups we did, the steps of Moody Hall (Daniel), Running S###, Spending half of my third class year on confinement (Vince) and Oh yeah how could I forget (Herk) we are sorry. The times we had at the Red Oak Inn, And finally to the sinks and our complaint president John for making life here our last year much more tolerable. To the most important people in my life, MOM, DAD and SIS I would like to thank you for everything you did. There is no way I could be where I am now without you guys. We did not always see eye to eye, but from the bottom of my heart I love you very much and really respect the decisions you helped me make. Finally to my closest friends, Vince thank you for always being there for me. You were my voice of reason and without you I would have been in and out of trouble, well at least more then I was. Bush thank you for keeping me here. I don't think I would have made it through rat year without you and as you once said (It is finally done Iban Battuta, is finally done). Smife(Gary) thanks for all you have done and most importantly thanks for buying my car!!!!! Loke where ever you are Kill, Kill, Kill!!!! Dix, good luck with married life Mr. Natural. To my dykes study hard and don't fail out. Finally to the entire Lax team keep on partying and don't end up in jail (MUSTIN).

Richard H. Robinson III
Midlothian, VA

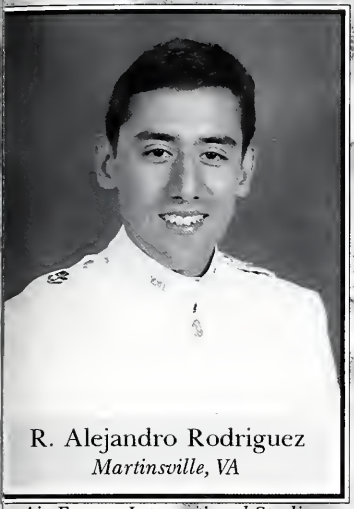
Hardy, Hard-on, Robinstein
Army ~ International Studies

I can't say I came here to correct a discip problem. I can't say I came here because I thou it would be the only place I could succeed ac demically. I also can't say I came here becau enjoy the military or because there is a long line cadets in my family. When I think about it now, I m have come here because of Division I athletics. I even that reason is obscured at this point. A f years of playing under Wild Bill muddled that reas I can say that coming here was better than end up fat and lazy in some fraternity somewhere though that does sound quite appealing at time can also say thank you to my Mother, Father a the rest of my family for helping in the bad tim (God knows there were enough) and staying by side no matter what the difficulty. Id also like to s thanks to Peanut and Bert who were there whe all started-God rest their souls. Oh yeah, God with Gene and Mike and please let them graduc before our rats da. In closing, Id just like to say G Bless my family, my friends(including Hale) and all t people I have managed to piss off during the yea Ain't that the truth, especially Gene, Mike, Hale, Bo Joe, Mary, Jill, Frank, Ted. Those fans behind us at t Tenn. game, and most of the customers at the Flo Zone.

Dykes
1996 - Matt Bahen
2002 - Tommy O'Connell

Dykes
2002 - Mike Dunn, J.P. Davitt

Dykes
1996 - Chris Lowe
2002 - Nick Barcheski, Phil Stracener

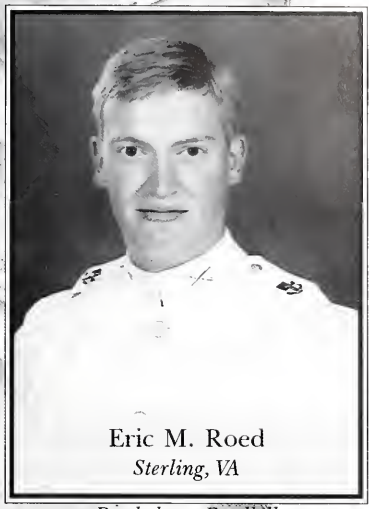


R. Alejandro Rodriguez
Martinsville, VA

Air Force ~ International Studies

As I sit here and ponder my last four years, I am ed with memories of family and friends, good times nd bad times. Most importantly however, I realize at VMI was a long journey through which I did not ndure alone. I must thank God first for the will to ontinue through the toughest moments and for the eat experiences. My parents, whose lessons and onstant support helped me maintain my spirits ~ ank You. My sister, Michelle, for being cool- Love u! The rest of my family made life fun, and without umor, life is unbearable. Life at the I is not the most easant, to say the least, but a girlfriend always ems to make life better, wherever it may be; thus nust thank my girlfriend, Angela, for her support, ncerity, and love that saw me through this place. nce RAT year. As my cadetship draws to a close, vonder what new experiences and challenges lie head and I can't help but think about my rats. 'sheeta, keep your head up, a positive attitude, nd you will succeed. Bache, I expect AC stars on ou. And Randy, man you have come a long way, orporal. All of you, remember, never lose your sense humor, think before you act, and be individuals. ood luck to all of you.

My journey is almost over, and the time has finally ome to move on. So fill your glasses, best of luck to ou all, let's make history...cheers!!



Eric M. Roed
Sterling, VA

Roedwhore, Roedkill
Navy ~ Economics & Business

It has changed me a lot and has opened me up to new things that I don't think I would ever do if I went to another college. There are two things that I enjoyed most about this school. First of all VMI has given me a challenge that I don't think I could have gotten anywhere else. Everyday becomes a challenge for me, not just academically or physically but also there is the challenge of dealing with the administration and the BS that is associated with them. However once I graduate I'll be happy knowing that I beat this place and all the rules and the work that one must do in order to graduate. The second item that VMI has given to me is my friends. VMI has given me friends like no other in the world. I would like to thank my roommates, Bravo BR's and all my other friends (there are too many to name individually, but you know who you are) for helping me get through this place. To my rats... I wish you the best the luck and I hope your VMI experience is a good one. Nate, I roomed with you for 4 years I don't think I could have asked for a more interesting roommate and I hope your years in the "Force" is a mildly painful one. Jay I hope your career in law enforcement is long and good. Ricco, "GQ Marine" I hope your career in the USMC is good and lasts.

Jon M. Rogers
Norfolk, VA

Rog, Big Rog, Butter Skins
Army ~ History

VMI has given me the BEST years of my life thus far. I can honestly say that these last four years have taught me more about life, and Yes! It's well worth living. The education here has been good, but this institution has given me a solid foundation on which I will build my future. All of this was made possible by the beautiful people who have loved and supported me since day 1. Mom, Dad, Jamie, Gram, and Grandpa- You all have given me the ability to achieve success here and for that I thank you. Jamie, brother and fellow Irishmen, always know that I love you and there is a cold pint of Harp or Guinness waiting for you when we meet again. Scott, aka Now Scotty, aka DIGITAL "WE ARE ND", and No! They don't put Corona in kegs, but you, me, and Jamie will drink em anyway! Tom Hanifen, You- my friend have changed my entire life. You enabled me to meet the one true love of my life. JMU was a great time, wasn't it. Good times, Rangers, Beer, and everything else VMI could never offer! Tom- Go Infantry, Rangers lead the way!

Alisan, My Eternal Love, I see my entire future when gazing into your precious blue eyes. I will always love and cherish you. No matter what VMI threw at me, you have always loved and supported me here and I thank you. Don't worry baby, we have the rest of our lives together!

Dykes
1996 - Darren Maydien
2002 - Randy Sheets

Dykes
1996 - Ed Werntz
2002 - Nick Compher, Brian Starcher

Dykes
1996 - John Kokolis
2002 - Joe Leoncio

Scott F. Ronayne
West Chester, PA

Rogaine, Kid, Ranger Ronayne
Army ~ Economics & Business

The last four years have been the toughest experience of my life. However, my memories at VMI will be something I will look back on with a deep sense of pride. I came here as a rat that wanted the "military" experience. I got it and lost 30 lbs. in the process. I finished rat year with confidence that I could take on anything that stepped in my path. Third Class year began and this confidence began to fade away. I felt alone in this world and that I had no friends, B.R.'s included. The world, as I knew it, had come to an end. I left VMI and thought I would never return. Then Corrie Brice told me to come back to VMI to see his wedding. At this point, I knew I had to give school one more try. I came back and realized that there were people here who were my friends and they are the best friends I will ever have. Throughout these last four years, I come to see that no one could go through life alone. There are many people who have pushed me through these trying years and without them I would never have finished this. They are Mom and Dad, Jason Raab, Shaun Miller, and Jan Tokarczyk. Thanks for being true friends. Also thanks to my dykes Corrie, Shorty, and Craig, keep up the dyke line tradition. Last but not least I would like to thank my F-TROOP B.R.'s for always being there for me. You know who you are, so I won't mention you (S-14, S-15, etc.). WE ARE THE TIGHTEST COMPANY ON THE HILL.

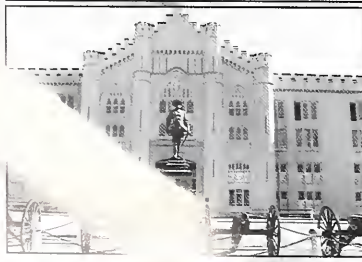
Dykes
1996 - Corrie Brice
2002 - Craig Potter

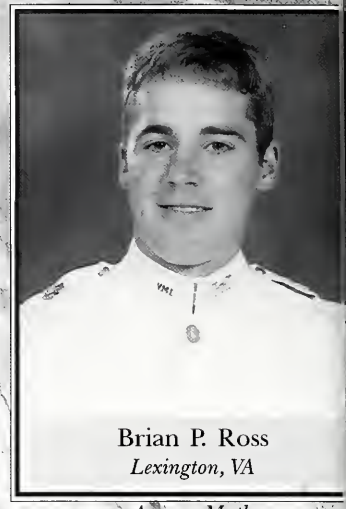
Russell P. Roselle
Oakton, VA

Rosey
Navy ~ Economics & Business

May the sacrifices that I have made here at this Institute, be reflected in the rewards of my future. For if they are not, then this epic has been in vain.

Dykes
1996 - Jeff Mosgalla
2002 - Derek Swenck





Brian P. Ross
Lexington, VA

Army ~ Math

As I look back on my four years here, there more than enough reasons to moan about my perience. But I'm not going to do that. I'll leave t up to someone else because all the reasons are same. What I am grateful for are the bonds created with many friends for life, namely my roo mates. To Matt, you and Amy were truly meant each other. Now you have ALL the time in the w to spend together. To Ned, no more spazzing puttin' up with all the bureaucratic hassles this pla had to offer you. You have Kristin all to yourself n To Jake, my roommate for four years, it has bee great ride. You and Rebekah deserve all the har ness in the world. Don't worry, we've got plenty time to put down a few chillies (June 18-19, 1 comes to mind!!!) To David E., you are to be co mended for choosing the "road less traveled". It blessed to have known the Ellington family sinc moved here. To Joey, I will never forget the wo you told me one day, "It doesn't matter what do, do it with all your heart, mind and soul." You the epitome of what this place represents. To my relatives and friends who wrote many letters said countless prayers for me, thank you. Davi never thought you were VMI material. You prov me wrong. Your work ethic will take you far, as this place. Set your goals and go after them rele lessly. To Mom and Dad, what else can I say? I hope one day I can make you proud,and rep you for being there throughout the journey.

Dykes
1996 - Joey Dubose
2002 - David Ellington

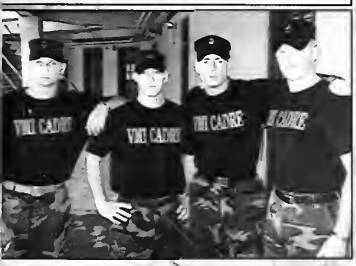
Sean A. Ross
Flossmoor, IL

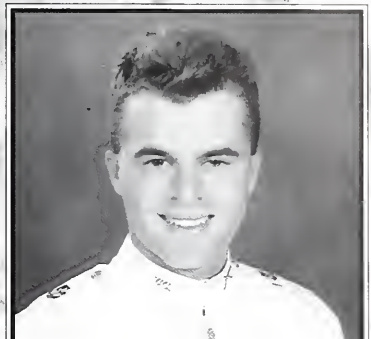
Ranger Ross
Army ~ History

Four years ago I came to VMI as a scared little d. I know that when I leave here, I'll still be a scared ttle kid. Some things never change. But, I have arned a great many things during my stay that will e carried with me throughout my life. Most of those ings I cannot even begin to verbalize, but I have ertainly received more than just an education here. don't remember why exactly I chose to come to MI. I guess I just knew that it was the right choice for e. I could not have made it through here without e love and support of my family. Mom, you always tened to my complaining about this place, I just ish you were here to see me graduate. I know you ould be proud of me. I love you Mom; you'll al-ays be in my thoughts and prayers. Dad and Scott, anks for believing in me, even when I didn't believe myself. It has been a tough four years for all of us, ut we're still making it. Keep Driving On! I'm going to iss all of my friends that I have made over these ur years of hell. You guys are the one's that made is place tolerable. Tom, Kevin, and Chris, you guys re like my brothers. It has been fun to live with you, nd an honor to be friends with you. I wish you all ell in the Army, and just know that Id take a bullet r all of you. That goes for you too, Bolt and The op. You guys are all my best friends, and I'll never rget that.

Now, I must press forward down a path of ncertainty. I have been here before, and the choices ill seem endless. *FI.D.O.*

Dykes
1996 - Karl Painter
2002 - John Progranicy





Benjamin C. Rowe
Richmond, VA

Death, Chief, Hymen, Cranium
Air Force ~ English

I remember in my senior year of high school, my cross-country coach was trying to convince me not to go to VMI. He introduced me to a '94 grad, and when I asked the alum about this place he said, "Stay far, far away." I couldn't agree with this more. This considered, there's only one thing I know for sure, and that is this: There is something seriously wrong with this place. I've told pre-strains to seriously reconsider VMI as a college option, because this place is a draconian system and is simply just not right." I've learned from VMI that there are people in high ranking, authoritative positions, who think they're dedicated to some higher purpose, but are complete idiots. VMI does for B.S. what Stonehenge did for rocks. With all that said, Id like to thank my roommates and friends. They're the only cool thing outta here. Chris, Jason and Sean, you're my best buds and some of the best guys I know. I've learned so much from all y'all. I've gotten some of the best advice ever from Chris, who I'm totally convinced is one of the coolest and most competent persons in the world. JT, you've really shown me what it's like to take initiative and not be afraid of anything . And Sean, if it's somebody who will always help another out, then it's you. There's so much more I could say about you guys, but you've all got a lot of pride, and none of y'all stand for any crap. To Marc and the other S-14 rats, don't be followers, be leaders; stay off the next man's nutz. Stick with your bro's, because you don't need those other Joe's.

Dykes
1996 - Paul Dickinson
2002 - Marc Yelle

Michael J. Rust
Baltimore, MD

Wop, Sheepdog
Army ~ Economics & Business

From Mike's modest personality you would not know it, but he has many admirable traits most people would brag about. He is an excellent leader, because he does not get wrapped up in what others think, but is always looking out for those he's in charge of. Mike has his own style of leading by example and doesn't ask of others what he wouldn't be willing to do himself. When we all go out, Mike turns on his chick magnet, which he would never admit exists, then the women flock to him (tongue rings and all). Mike is good at making the best of a bad situation. Mike's history at the "I" could take up pages, but there is a whole other History of accomplishments waiting to be written after graduation. Mike, best of luck....Brian & Rory. 99.

As I approach the scheduled date of my release from incarceration, my mind wanders back to the day I graduated from high school. I remember telling my folks that it was all nice, but a VMI graduation, now that would be something. Well, I was right, but it's not the diploma or the big fat ring that makes it so. What made it all worth while was my friends and my family, who were there through the good (W&L), the bad (3rd class year), and the ugly (JMU, fall '98). Boys, we had some times, and we got more coming. Mom and Pop and Bill, you guys couldn't have been more supportive, and helped me through more than you probably know. Steve and Dave, don't let the man get you down. It goes quicker than you can imagine.

Dykes
1996 - Frank Dingle
2002 - Steve Swann, David Ross

Kevin M. Ryan
Cincinnati, OH

Jack, Micro-Marine, Yut-Yut
Marines ~ Physics

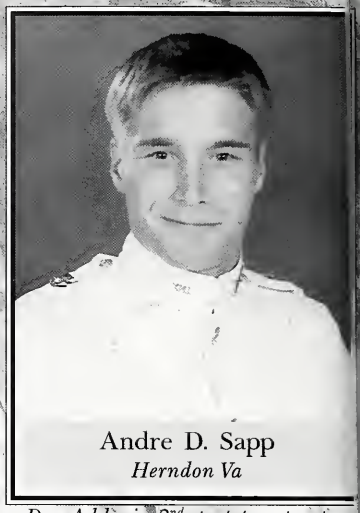
When I came to VMI in the summer of 1995, I had visions of grandeur and of a utopian brotherhood that existed separate from society. However, after meeting cadre and spending some "quality time" inside the walls of barracks, I soon realized my blunder. VMI would be more deserving of a level of Hell in Dante's Inferno. When I came to these hallowed halls, I knew why I had come and would stay. However, after the disillusionment of the fall of 3rd class year, I could not remember why I even stepped foot past limit's gates. So I took a semester with the Scottish, and realized that I had come for the ideals that VMI represents: honor, integrity, commitment, sacrifice, brotherhood. The strongest friendships of my life have been made inside the walls we call home. To them I say thanks for all of the help and support throughout the years. When the rest of the Corps called me "tool" and a**hole, you guys were right behind them cheering them on. To Brent and Patrick, thanks for everything. I can't even try to list all of it, I just want to say thanks. If you ever need anything you know where to find me.

The stability of VMI, of the place I call home right now, will be no more. The friendships I know will carry on, as will the memories, but I will always return to VMI in times of need. I just hope that throughout the years I will be able to return as much as I have gained, not only to the "I", but to all of those men that I call brother rats...and more importantly friends

Craig L. Sanslow
Bristol, Virginia

Sansloth, Redneck
Army ~ History

It's been four long years since I arrived at VMI, and in that time I have had both the best and worst times of my life. I'll never forget the experiences I've had here: running s#@$ to Tech, confinement, Ring Figure, and the Ratline, to name a few. But the only reason I got through this place is because of the ones who stood by me throughout it all. Mom, Dad, and Kent, thanks for supporting and being behind me through this and everything else, no matter what happened. Tim, you're the best friend a guy could ask for. Thanks for sticking by me even when no one else did. Get hype!! Here's to my roommates who put up with me the past few years. Burrow, I can't imagine what it's going to be like without you bitchin' at me 24 hours a day, saying "Turn off that Metallica s#@%!!". You're the man and you know it. Matt, tighten up son! I had a blast watching you become the "Animal" and thanks for helping me piss off Wes by staying up late at night. DICK!! Mikey, what can I say, bro? We went through a lot of wild stuff, had a lot of good talks, and just got crazy together. The four of us have had some awesome times together the past few years and hopefully we'll have plenty more to come in the years ahead. I'm glad to have all of you as friends. To the one that has my heart, you know who you are. Thank you for always being there. You don't know it but you've helped me more than anything. And to all the other friends I made along the way, take it sleazy and a big shout out to ya. YOU HEAR ME!!!



Andre D. Sapp
Herndon Va

Dre, Addonis, 2nd stoop paratrooper
Army ~ English

The first time I ever heard of Andre Sapp was rc year. Andre with his excellent discipline an followership had told my first corporal to Asuck h nuts!@ Not only that, but with his impecable sens of judgement, he tried to test, unsuccessfully, his fly ing skills off the second stoop. There is no doubt i my mind that Andre is perfect for Army Infantry Andre is VERY frank and will not beat around the bush. The word or meaning of feelings and/or sensi tivity does not register in his mind! In Florida, it wo Pantera, black and tans, Wild Turkey, visious paintba games, and nasty Irish girls. One can=t forget abou Andre=s little dance on the bar table in the Irish pub on New Year=s Eve !! It feels like it was only yester day that I had to pull his drunk, unconscience body out of my car and into my house (dropping him or his head on the way in!). Countless times we coulc be seen on the streets of Radford like bohemians smoking cigarrettes and trying to hide our inebria tion. I can=t remember how we actually became best friends but we did and I=m glad. There is no doubt that Andre will make an excellent officer, as long as he remembers that privates are not rats!!!

Dykes
1996 - Joe Cofer
2002 - Traci Schult, Joe Haluska

Dykes
1996 - Trey Kirby
2002 - Dave Fortin

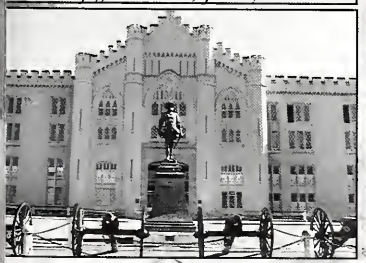
Dykes
1996 - Jeff Bradfford, Carl Renie
2002 - Tim Wolford, Joe Williams

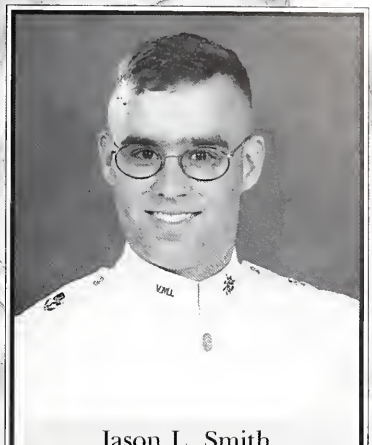
William P. Sarsfield
Richmond, virginia

Clownboy, Johnny Wiggs; Sir William
Air Force ~ Biology

The day seems like yesterday when I was walking p those four flights of hell to reach my new life, my ew room, but most importantly my new friends. I nce heard that VMI takes a lot out of you but gives wice in return. The lessons learned here are of great alue, but the real treasures that lie in wait for you re the friendships you make. Now though looking ack, the friendships I have made here they are the ost important things I will miss ... once I leave this od-for-saken hole. I have come to understand that is basic element of our society is in fact the back-one upon which any cadet leans upon, cries to, nd appeals to inorder to survive here. Adair, amilton, and roger we four have shared many emories from; the noisy trip back to rogers bed, e flying bed, the tailgate and banment there of, MU, "PORT" ... "here Sir....here sir!!", throwing -up at raduation, the "shack", parents weekend, the miss-g pants, 21st birthday rituals, the tame down amilton sessions, the ring figure bathroom talk. Rats e strong the hell has just begun, but believe it, it is ore than worth it. Finally my family. Mom like you ad to me time and time again I will miss you. With-ut your and Dads love there is no way I could have ade it, I love you both more than you know. Joanna love you sis, highschool is a rough time, but I know our smart enough and more than strong enough to xcel through it... be strong, love big bro. And to the stitute more importantly the administration I want give one final gesture to you.....guess what it is?

Dykes
1996 - Hunter Seal
2001 - Nate Charles, Mark Zagrocky
2002 - Jeff Bushman, Jeremy Houston





Jason L. Smith
Richmond, Virginia

Marines ~ International Studies

Well, I guess I finally made it through this place. Id like to thank God for giving me the strength and belief in myself. Without him, nothing could be possible. Id also like to thank My parents, friends back home, and Wyatt...these are the ones who have stuck by my side. Without y'all I probably couldn't have made it. To my Dykes....stick it out...In the end its worth it.

Dykes
1996 - Jim Zepko
2002 - Cameron Rex, James Paulsen

Lance J. Smith
Vienna, VA.

Mohammed
Navy ~ Chemistry, Economics & Business (minor)

They say that your college years are the best years of your life, so you should live them to the fullest. What the hell happened? When I got here as a rat I was so motivated to be here, it all seemed to be for a purpose. I am glad that I came here to experience the rat line, it has made me who I am today. However I sit here now as a first classmen wondering why I am here, and the scary thing is I don't know. Why didn't I leave after my first year here. This isn't even the same school I entered four years ago. None of the rules here make any sense, and I get more demerits now then when I was a rat. I see no reason to get into the history of each year I have been here. They all sucked, and that pretty much sums it up. To close I would like to say something that so may people are afraid to say: The admittance of women to this school destroyed it, I know it, you know it, and the administration knows it although they will never admit it. I would like to thank my parents and my girlfriend Carrie for their support, I couldn't have made it without them.

Dykes
1996 - Matt Bogusky
2002 - Nam Tran

Jeffrey D. Snyder
Charlottesville, Virginia

Jeff, Nige, Nigel, Stryker, Slider
Navy ~ Biology

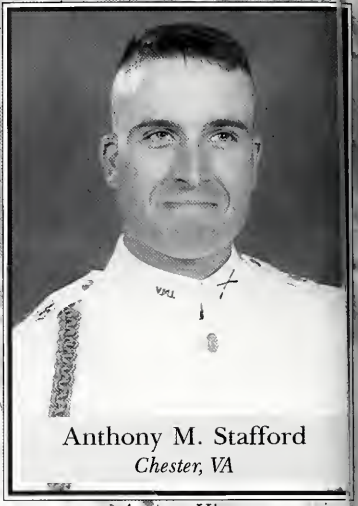
Nige has always been the ranker that loved this place and all it stood for. Because of this we have had some interesting discussions over the years. Even though we've never really seen eye-to-eye I have a lot of respect for Nige and everything he's done for this school. He's the only ranker I know that really stood up for what he believed was right and didn't waste his time brown-nosing the administration. He is also the only ranker I know of that would go out of his way to help another cadet out. It's safe to say that Nige is going to be extremely successful in whatever he chooses to do in life. He has the leadership skills to go far in the Navy and the person skills to go even farther in the civilian world. I wish him the best of luck in the future and thank him for everything he did for me during our cadetship. JLC

My time here at VMI has been filled with many good and bad memories. The days were long and it all seemed like there was no end. I don't want to give a speech on how great or how horrible this place has been for me. I can say that VMI has helped me find out what is and isn't important in my life. To all my friends I have made here, you guys are the best friends anybody could ever ask for. The list is long but you all know who you are. Mom and Dad, you are right when you say that there is a light at the end of the tunnel and that everything will happen in time. To all the rats in the room, the key to life is persistence. Achieve all the goals you have set for yourselves and then set more.

Jeffrey T. Sprague
Annapolis, MD

Sprog, Jeffiepoo
Air Force ~ International Studies

When I think back over the last four years, there is actually not a whole lot to write about. I first saw VMI as a junior in high school where I fell for all the traditional propaganda that the Admissions Dept. loves to throw at "pre-strains". I showed up for matriculation as a typical clue bag with the fear or God deeply instilled inside me. After spazzing my way through the first seven months I finally got used to the routine. Its been a long road but in the end I'm glad I took it. My use of profanity has increased tenfold, my respect for authority has suffered a few knocks courtesy of the brainchildren proudly serving in the unorganized Virginia Militia (except Scott Shipp-Liberal Arts ROCK!!) but its all served to make me a better educated individual. To my roommates Andy and Animal, HUA "M1 Bang Bang!!" Good luck in the Army and whatever else you simple folk plan on doing. Joel, good luck in grad school but don't work too hard, the White House isn't that far away. Eric, "Steel Rain!!" If your Army career is like your cadetship I'm sure there will never be a lack of women and beer. Jason, Wyatt, Trent, Brian W. and Sarge- you guys have been great friends and I wish you all the best. Layne and Sam, study hard and keep focused on doing well, you only get to do this once- thank God.



Anthony M. Stafford
Chester, VA

Army ~ History

Two Roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And I looked down at one as far as I could
To where I bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as far that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

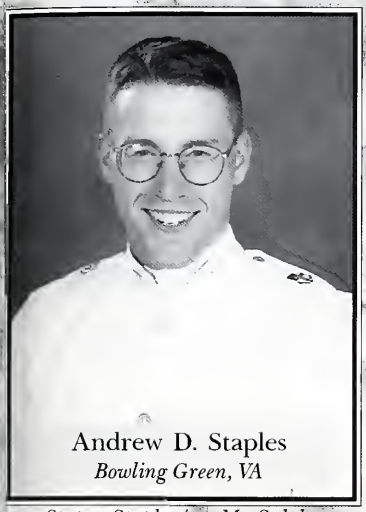
And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the on less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

Dykes
1996 - Alastair Findies
2002 - Caleb Sylvester, Sean Hoover

Dykes
1996 - Brian Dunn
2002 - Layne Fielder, Sam Carney



Andrew D. Staples
Bowling Green, VA

Stapes, Staplestien, Mr. Subtle
Army ~ History

My war is finally over. Now it is time to rest. Four ong years in the academic trenches of the Virginia Military Institute and it is finally over. Well maybe. Its een the best four years of my life. I would not rade it for the world. Progressing from a rat to a First Class Pvt. has been quite a ride. Lots of ups and lots f downs along the way. Luckily I've been surrounded y some of the best men ever assembled. They vere there when I needed them, and I will never orget that. I owe a lot to my roommates. Trent and haun put with a lot. They took the late night "WWF attle Royals" that I dished out to them. They were here for a lot of things that have helped me grow s man. As for Jason, you my friend probably have ndured the most from me. From 3rd Class year on ou have been the guy I could always turn to. Amazg how you can go off to college and find someone with such similar backgrounds. Hey, when you orner the corn the market in Zaire, let me know if ou need a partner. And Mom, well I think you know ow much how I owe you. I'll be forever in debt. As or you Eddie, the Corps is yours, take it, and run wild. o sum up my thoughts on the Institute, I'll end with a uote:

"Whether you like it, or don't like it, learn to love it, ecause it's the best thing going today." Ric Flair

Dykes
1996 - CJ Mulligan
2002 - Eddie Lewis

William F. Steinbach II
Richmond, VA

Bill, The Bandit, The Goon
Army ~ History

Damn, graduation is here: It seems like only yesterday my dad and I were climbing the stairs up to 442 for the first time. It is really strange how fast time really goes by. Another chapter in my life is over and a new one is beginning. First of all, I would like to thank all of my loving family and friends for their endless support. I would not be here with out them: To room 137: Thanks guys. You taught me well. Cadykes you all know the deal. Room 442: We all kept our promise we made on that very first day. We all made it. Kev, Willie, Rob, and Troll thanks for the memories and for putting up with me for three years. Cam, Ted, Fil, and anyone else that I can't fit into a half a page, take care and keep in touch. Conor, stay out of trouble and keep your head up. Take this place one day at a time and you will make it.

Living with Bill has been one of the better experiences of my cadetship – there's never a dull moment when he's about. The constant gooning: the creative expletives, the wild-ass stories, and the old man just plain telling it like it is. I could never come close to expressing enough thanks to Bill for all the times that he was there to back me up when I was in a fix. Of course, that was only after he was done laughing at the situation, that is. He was always there to put things into perspective in a way that only the Goon himself could have achieved. Thanks for the times, the drinks, and the memories... ...In order to be the Goon, you have to beat the Goon. Whoaooo!
- Rob Hardee

Dykes
1996 - Rusty McGuire
2002 - Conor Evans

Matthew K. Stephens
Salem, VA

Matt-tie, Tuckleberry Finn
Marines ~ English

I sit here writing this while Robbie and Tom argue with Seamuss, cutting each other down about looks, size, sports, pt. scores, hometowns and every other thing they can think of. Chris is sleeping behind me, not really because he is tired, but just because he can. These are the things I'll miss. Things no one else can experience, and even a wordy description cannot even begin to express the security and friendship that is present. Friendship even is a weak description of what we form here: straining in the ratline, pushing on the stoops, standing in the cold for a drum out, gripping about the administration, beating each other down, telling disgusting stories and blowing off homework, all these form a bond that transcends everything but our duty to our honor. Seamuss, Tom, Chris, Robbie, Rm. 118, and F-troop, y'all made the stay here bearable and even fun. The memories we have made I know will stay with me forever. Mom and Dad, you two are my idols. I know if my life resembles yours, I will have done things right. Dad thank you for your example. Erica, for me to say I am excited about our life together is an understatement. Sean, Josh, Ryan, and Whit, thank you for molding me into a cadet. Frank, never lose faith in those things that are important: God, honor, and your family. With these you are invincible. VMI, I owe you more than my life for you have given me so much. Rm. 116, where my dogs at?

Dykes
1996 - Sean McMurray
2002 - Frank Deere

Shane G. Stille
Prince George, VA

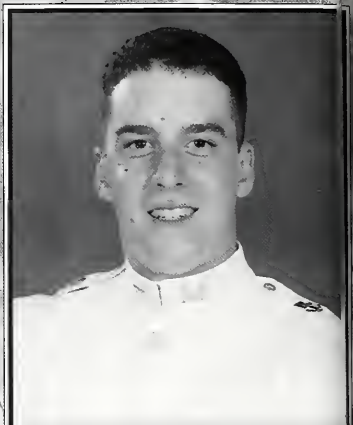
Tss Tss, Cleatus
Navy ~ Mechanical Engineering

I came here seeking a commission in the Navy. I chose VMI because I wanted to be an engineer and this place provided the perfect atmosphere to study and do little to nothing else. I am not going to complain because no matter how many stories we share with others, they can not imagine the experience. I have no regrets, only a few years of lost youth. However, nothing can replace my brother rat spirit. This place has helped me become more successful than I had ever anticipated and more importantly, I have met some of the best people in the world. I feel privileged to have spent four years of my life with the class of 1999. People like Ben Chang, future nuclear submarine captain?, Jeff Golden, the most 'money' person I have ever met, Charles Marr, one of the brightest lawyers? The list goes on and on. A large part of my confidence has come about because of spending these last four years with such a great group of individuals. Thank you all. My mother, sister, and father, I love you and thank you for your support.

Sean P. Stockwell
Forest, VA

Navy ~ Physics

Mom, thank you so much for everything you have done for me throughout the best and the worst of times. So often, just thinking of all you went through to get me here made me push a little harder. Adrien, you are my second father. There is no doubt about that, and I was truly blessed when my mother chose to marry you. If I can become half the man you are today, I will consider my life to be a complete success. To my roomies, thanks for always being there. Ghucky, don't worry, YOU'LL find someone someday! Eric, I pray for Amy! However, I doubt that she will ever experience a dull moment in her life. Joel, I'll be sure to closely follow your campaign, and you KNOW you've got my vote! Danny and Burr Powell, keep up your thumpin'! It's good to know you guys are out there trying to make right what most of the world is continually screwing up. Mikey, we'll turn you into a rubber band man yet! Good luck in your new life with Amondo. And finally to my rat, Brad—take care of my school. No matter how much pissin' and moanin' I did about this place, I still love it all. I have done my best to prepare you and your BR's to take over from me and my BR's. Remember to always keep the faith!



Nathan J. Stoehr
Norfolk, VA

Nate, Chicken-hawk, Wofes
Navy ~ Mechanical Engineering

Well, it has been a long haul that is still not qu
over. I have another year left but I still want to to
the time to thank the ones that have helped r
get through this place. First and foremost, Mo
You couldn't have been any prouder when I got r
early acceptance to the "I". You sacrificed so mu
to make it possible for me to come to VMI. Y
never asked me to give up anything to make en
meet. You where always there to give me a pat
the back when I did well or a good swift kick in ti
proverbial ass if I screwed up. And for you undyi
loyalty and faith in me I will be forever gratef
Second, is the rest of my family. Granny, Joyce
Pat, Susan & Ron, Lori & Steve, you all have been
supportive and I thank you for your words of enco
ogement throughout the years. Andi, you are amc
ing. You and I have managed to make it throu
some of the most difficult time a couple can hav
We have made it through years of long distanc
and years that other stuff went wrong. But throu
it all I have only grown to love you more and I tha
you too, for putting up with me and supporting m

And finally, Grandpa. Although you are no long
with us, I know tat you are still watching your litt
boy. You are everything I have ever striven to b
And although I have fallen short on many differe
occasions, I know you would still be proud. You a
mostly responsible for me having become the mc
that I am today. You will always be in my though
and in my heart.

Dykes
1996 - Nathan Straub
2002 - Sopheap Chan, Brian Toney

Dykes
1996 - Scott Morris
2002 - Brad Sorrell

Dykes
1995 - Rich Fontanilla

John P. Stutts
Mooresville, NC

Peeper, Patty 5, Shaggy
Army ~ International Studies

Throughout these four exhausting years my fa-
er always assured me the time would pass. Al-
ough this VMI experience has felt like an eternity, I
ust admit that my father was right. As I review
ese crazy college days and attempt to summa-
e all that has happened over the last four years, a
ertain smile comes to my face. Mom, Dad, and
acey: You have been there for me every step
ong the way. I am grateful for all the love and
ncouragement. Jaysan: As an older brother, ca-
et, athlete, and friend you provided me with the
undation to succeed. You know I will always look
o to and emulate you. Ben: you are the most well
unded individual I know. Never have I met some-
ne so intelligent, driven, compassionate, and loyal.
hanks for pushing me and being my top boy. To the
oys of 120: we made it! I don't think I could have
ad better roommates. Jeremy: Your work ethic,
ositive attitude, and character always amazed me.
ou quietly did all your schoolwork while following
e rules, and you never complained. Dale: you
ave been an interesting addition to the room. Al-
ough all the snoring and coughing was difficult to
ut up with, you could always make us laugh with
our "Mango" charades! Coley: it's a good thing
ou're a Carolina boy: what would I do without you?
hank you for being my best friend. Wade: keep
our head up. If you learn anything from VMI, re-
ember to take one day at a time, depend on your
amily, and look after your boys.

Dykes
1996 - Sterling Sweeney
2002 - Wade McKann

Prompattaraporn Surapap
Bangkok, Thailand

Army ~ Mechanical Engineering

In 1995, I came from Bangkok to the United States. It was the first time in my life to see the other side of the world. Everything was so totally different between my home and here. Speaking just a little bit of English, I could only answer to my Cadre " Yes, Sir or No, Sir" without exactly knowing what the questions were. Because I have a long last name, which is fifteen letters, my Cadre called me "Porn" which is a last word from my last name. However, I just didn't like this name too much! For the rat year, my dyke, " Noppadon Kujanyaviwat", took care me and helped me a lot through the ratline. At this year, I got 4 roommates, Dallas, Scott, Chuck, and Max. Third class year, I moved to next door because our room didn't fit for 5 people. So, I roomed with Jacob, Goose, and Billy. They all are pretty cool guys. And also, they are alcoholic! Four years at VMI, I have a lot of experiences that I have to memorize. Be far away from home for four years, I never feel lonely because I keep contact my parents all the time looks like we're here together. I love my mom and dad very much, which is more than I can say. Thanks for my country for giving me a chance to come here. Thanks for VMI for giving me an education. Also, many thanks for my beloved girlfriend, "Jim+", for giving me "LOVE". I hope she will be here with me at graduation. And good luck to my dyke, "Peter", do your best until graduation and see me any time in Thailand

Dykes
1996 - Noppadon Kuljanyaviwat
2002 - Putivut Sok

Suwatwong Janchaysang
Bangkok, Thailand

Jack
Army ~ Physics

I came here from Thailand in 1995 with little knowledge of English. The culture, weather, people, and also language seemed so unfamiliar to me at first. I was lucky to have a good dyke "Tom Hart" and an uncle-dyke "Carl Lowe" taking care of me, so I could pass through the rat-line like all of my brother rats. I met good friends. Many of them liked to make fun of me and actually I liked to be made fun of because I think that when people make fun of you, that mean they like you. I met good teachers who are so patient with my stupidity and laziness sometimes. I have a good rat "Lewis Wong" who now doesn't seem to be so happy with the rat-line but I'm sure he will pass through it. I would like to thank everybody I had mentioned. Thank, too, to my host families " Elk, Lewis, Porn, and Davis who gave me a lot of generosity. And Most importantly, thank to the institute "VMI" which I love so much, the institute that make me be a lot better man. Good luck to you all. "Jack"

Dykes
1996 - Thomas Hart, Carl Lowe
2002 - Lewis Wong

Cameron K. Tabor II

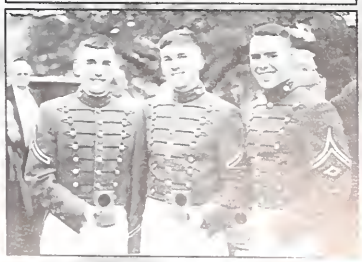
Chesapeake, VA

Army ~ Computer Science, Math (minor)

I think it's funny that, at least in my experience, TAPS was the end of the day when we were rats, but as the years move on it becomes more of a midnight reminder that it you haven't started that homework yet, it=s about that time. I'm not sure where the time goes, it just does. I know I'll look back at this place one day with fond recollection of my VMI experience. Even parades and CTT? My dyke told me that men bond through adversity, this must be true because I have many BR's who I would call my best friends and I look forward to keeping in touch with them after graduation. Speaking of friends, I must mention my roommates and dykes. Fil, roommates for four years! It's been a blast. I know you will be a successful Marine officer. Hey, It can't be half as hard as the stuff you had to do this year can it? I hope we'll keep in close contact in the years after this. Ted, always the voice of reason in the room. I've always known that youd be a successful Army Officer, it's in your blood. You have a cool head and the planning skills to excel. Seamus, this was your first year with us, but I must say it's been interesting so far. You always lighten the mood of the room. Id also like to thank all of my friends in Gold Coast who made life beoroble. As for Daniel and Nate, I know you will both make it here. Finally, I would like to thank my family, especially Mom and Dad, thanks for all of the support. Jenny, you helped me tremendously, especially during the rat line. I am forever grateful to you all.

Dykes

2002 - Daniel Runion, Nathan Plecha



Sean A. Tashma

North Hollywood, CA

Tash, Tashimoto, Gashma, Schlong

Marine ~ English

Reflecting back through the years at VMI, I suppose I have had the same general experience that everyone gets from here. As a Rat, I was naïve and optimistic, believing that the Institute actually stood for something real. However, progressing through the years as a virgin private, I have learned to view this place as the farce that it really is. Gone forever is my optimism and belief that the Institute gives a damn about its cadets or honor. All they care about is maintaining their precious reputation using whatever means necessary. I now view this place with absolute skepticism. After serving in the real military I'm weary of playing Toy Soldier. I have learned that the only thing I can depend on is a few select brother rats who feel as I do. I feel only pity for my rats as they still have a whole cadetship of this bulls**t to put up with. With that said, I will use this space to give my thanks and advice to those I care about. To my family, especially my dad, thank you for being so supportive and understanding. To my brother, kid you have got so much potential I hope you figure out what you want to do with it and are happy. My roommates, you made this hole bearable, I know you will all enjoy life to the fullest. Remember that you guys will always be in my heart no matter how far away we are from each other. To S-15/240 you guys are super troopers. To the real Troop, you know that we are a dying breed. FTrooper till I die. And finally to my Rats, Sean and Jon, strive to do your very best while maintaining your self-pride.

Dykes

1996 - Mike Diehl

2002 - Jon Elliott, Sean Holt

Willis P. Tatterson

Norfolk, VA

WillieT

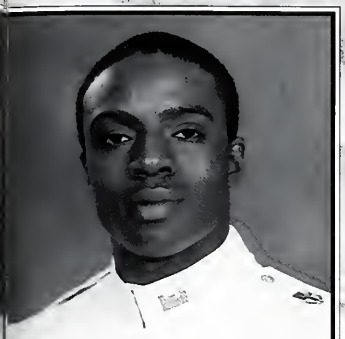
Air Force ~ Economics & Business

My codetship has flown by faster than I e thought possible, but I know when I leave here i short time I will miss it. More than this place thoug will miss the people that I met here. In such a sh four years I have forged more close friendships th I had ever thought possible. I think that these peo understand me better than ever have myself. M than that though, they have put up with me c accepted me for who I am. For that I will ne forget them. Mom, Dad, Drewry, and Tatt – that y for always being there. You have taught me m than I could have ever learned. I Love You all! Ran – it has been some good times. Always rememt the nights at W&L with Kitty. It was amazing we ne got caught, especially me. You have taught me lot, thanks. Corey – thanks for being such a go friend and baaalk! Balk, balk, baaalk! Kevin and St – don't let the place get to you, work hard and it be over before you know it, just have fun and t place as much as you can. To everybody else thar for everything.

Dykes

1996 - Rick Mattoso

2002 - Alex Haseley



Wesley Taylor, Jr.
Richmond, VA

B.T., T, Taylorkid
Army ~ Computer Science

irst of all I want to thank God for allowing me to
e it this far. Next, I want to thank you Ma, for
ng me, giving me advice, and just trying to make
rything okay. I love you. That goes for you to
. I appreciate everything you have done for
Treally appreciate it – love ya man! And to the
of the family and friends of the family, your sup-
was greatly appreciated also. And Dena, thanks
being there, you have really made a difference
y life. Thank you and I love you. Now for my
gs, (I know y'all think that was lemyre) C22 sup
Dre, Dell, and Bird, Gdub-one, P-diddy, and Quarles
been a long haul but it's coming to close. But me
N-Love gone hold it down one ma' gen! And to
"Navy guys," I had fun trippin' off y'all as well. And
he twenty-five twin, if I never messed wit' ya, "F"
And what's up to-mb, don't hate me slick. Oh
h Dex, Nard, and Ken handle yo' business and
't be bo janglin'.

David S. Thompkins
Sumter, SC

Dave, Scotty, Money, Box
Air Force ~ International Studies

What can I really say about this place called VMI? I came here as a young kid with some idea of what I wanted out this school. Now that I'm leaving I'm not exactly clear about what I got. That's something I'll figure out with time, and hopefully I'll come to the conclusion that this "experience" was somehow worth it. I can say with absolute certainty that the friendships I've made along the way are priceless to me. I say thanks for all the great times and the many laughs we had along the way. There are those of you I will see you on the other side, and for the others I'm sure we'll meet again. I'd like to thank my family for all their support throughout these years. You all know how much you mean to me. Finally, I'm very proud to not only be the first college graduate in my family, but also the first military officer. See you when I see you!

Ryan E. Thompson
Davenport, FL

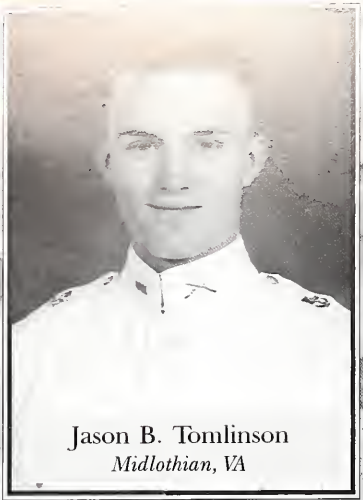
Skins, Ry-ry
Army ~ Civil Engineering

My experience as a cadet is nothing more than a blur of trials, triumphs, and frustration. Reflecting on the past four years I can see where God has led me to and away from the Al@. While my BR=s were struggling through the academic ratline of third class year, I was struggling with the ratline of life trying to financially support myself, hold a job, and complete a degree, and missing those friends that I had become so close to during the ratline. Upon my readmission to VMI, I saw again the warmth of great friends. I owe many things to the people who remembered me without seeing me for over a year and a half, and the guys in room 108 who made me feel like I had never left. To my rats, you boys listen to God. Lloyd, run fast, and beat every record ever set. Nathan, keep going to Bible studies, because God is where the truth is. To every rat in room 108 never let go of your honor. Criggs, you=ve been the greatest friend. We have a bridge to build in the woods, remember that. J-Mac, your gonna make a fine, donut-eating, police officer if that is what God wants for you. Mad Dog, seek God, seek wisdom, and be true to the arts. I know you guys are never gonna leave my thoughts, and I will be praying for you.

Dykes
1996 - Lawrence Gullette
002 - Dexter Sharp, Raynard Phillips

Dykes
1996 - Drew Haney
2002 - Jeff Jones

Dykes
1996 - Chris Noe
2002 - Nathan Blythe, Lloyd Davis



Jason B. Tomlinson
Midlothian, VA

J.T., The Terror
Army ~ Economics & Business

My time spent at VMI has been quite painful and rather depressing. The happiest times I can remember are the times I spent away from here. Over the past four years I have tried to convince myself that coming here was a good decision, but no matter how hard I try to believe it, I just can't. The one lesson I learned is that I probably would have been happier at another school. However, I am grateful for one thing and that is the friendships I have made here. First and foremost are my roommates Ben, Chris and Sean. You guys are the greatest. I wouldn't have made it here without you. Ben, I consider you my brother. We've spent more time together over the past 4 years here at school, at home and at summer school than anyone else. You are a great guy and I thank you for being such a good friend, and yes you did break the plate. Chris, we've been down from day one and we're still tighter than ever. Thanks for looking out for me. Sean, it's been real and I appreciate you're selflessness and your ability to make me laugh. And to the Irishman, you've always been my closest friend in the Troop. I'll see you at the nearest watering hole for round of SoCo and a good laugh. To my family, thank you for always being supportive of me and always encouraging me to not give up. Col. Caulkins, thanks for giving me the courage to get in the ring and be strong. Chin down, hands up, and fight like hell. To the rest of the Troopers and to the Troopers of '02, remember this: It is a hard heart that kills.

Seamus M. Toolan
Fallsington, PA

O'Malley, Tool, Shamefull,Sha-Sha
Army ~ History

Four years ago I arrived at the Institute like any other Rat. I was scared and timid, wondering if what I had gotten into was the Aright choice. Dad, you were right when you said that nothing worth doing is ever easy. I think I may have learned that the hard way. But the important thing is I have learned it, and it is something I will never forget. Mom and Dad, you have always been there for me, supporting me and developing me into the person I am today. I Love You very much and thank you for everything you have given me. Bridget, Colin, and Molly you are the best brothers and sisters I could ever have asked for. I know that we always have had our disagreements. Thanks. Brendan, you have given me a person I can truly look up to. I can never thank you (and Pervert >98) enough. To John, Ted, and Jeff we were in this together from the beginning. Room 425 will always have a special place in my heart. Chris, Matt, Robbie, Tom, Mark, Bull, Brannan, and John I will never forget the late night talks, wrestling matches, and food raids. You are some of the best friends I could have ever asked for. Cam and Fil thanks for letting me be part of Athe room@ and for making first class year so much fun. Les and Fletch, I feared for my life every time I entered the room, but I knew that as big as you guys are, I could still take either one of you in a fight. Oh and Fletch, Go Indians. To the Rats, remember everything we taught you guys and make us proud.

Carl S. Trask
Glendora, CA

Trash
Navy ~ Electrical Engineering

The two groups that have influenced me the m at the "I" have been all the '99 EE's and my roo mates. Filip, Van, B, Mike, Matt, and Luke you h done more for me than you will ever know. I ho the best for all of you. Trevor and Andy you h been my roommates for the past three years u you guys are great. I know that we did not alw get along, but I could not have had better roo mates. Thank you guys for putting up with me. A maybe during your fifth year you will evolve fr gorilla boy to Cro-Magnon man. Dale, you and I completely different I always had fun with you e if it usually ended up with me babysitting you a you had had too much to drink. Then there is C Cliff, I did not wan to live with you when we first r our second class year. I could not believe that I stuck with you in the room. I look back on that r and I laugh. I don't know when we became b friends but I think that it was prabably after we into that fight (you know the one with the gym d shorts). To the rats of room 105 do well acade cally. Don't make the same mistakes we did cause you will spend the rest of your cadets making up for it. I always save the best for l which brings me to Amy. I appreciate you putt up with all the rules even though you hate the You were always there for me with love and s port. All I can say is alligofor food.

Dykes
1996 - Pete Ehlers
2002 - Jason Mounts, Wyatt Hollar

Dykes
1996 - Tom Hart
2002 - Brandon Bennett

Dykes
1996 - Ken McKoy
2002 - Brian Meadowcroft, Andy Tsarukyan

Robert L. Trent
Roanoke, VA

Rob Dog, Rabbi, Leroy, Leroy Daytona
Army ~ English

Waw, where does one even begin to reflect upon their four years at VMI? My time at the "I" is almost over and it has truly been one hell of an adventure! From Ac. Pro. as a 3rd to Cadet Captain and RDC President, I have had the entire gamut of experiences and emotions during my cadetship. My roommates have played a huge role in this and they really are my best friends- thanks for taking me in guys! Besides my roommates, there is another group of guys that I would not trade for the world- Jochen, Biggie, Debo, Redhead, Muffin, Klingon, Jammer, Jake, Jake B., Mike W., Mirv, and Shasha, just to name a few. Mom and dad, without your support none of this would have been possible- thank you and I hope I have made you proud! Major V., words cannot express what you have done for me- the world needs more men like you. Jarrett and Stillman, you have done well, and never, ever, be afraid to be a leader. And finally to Nicole- I've loved you since I first saw you and our future together will be wonderful; your support of me has been incredible and I love you for

Jason R. Trubenbach
Williamsburg, VA

Trube
Army ~ International Studies, Spanish

To my family, who have been so supportive of me over the last few years, often times even more enthusiastic about me being at VMI than I was!! They were always there for me, whether it was sending random cards, baking food, or setting me up with some gas money!! To my roommates for the last two years: Alex, Jamie, Mike and Randy, many, many memories that will stay in my heart, mind, and soul for the rest of my life, even the ones I don't want to remember!! Jamie, since the first day of the wonderful VMI ratline, I never would have thought we would become such great friends and live in the same room for three straight years. To the Campbell's, thanks so much for everything you have done for me over these last few years, may I be able to repay you someday when need-be for all the times you have been there for me. To the Eads's, Marrone's, and Wright's: thank you all for everything. Alicia, thank you so much for the opportunity to have an internship in the U.S. Embassy in Santiago. I hope one day I can return a favor for you. To Stick, since high school we have shared SO many memories, I could only imagine what it would have been like had I gone to Tech with you!! May we surf together and remain the best of friends forever. To Tim, Perry, Steve, Mike: the many memories that we share can only continue. To VMI, many memories, good and bad.

Kristopher S. Turpin
Lynchburg, VA

Kris, Turp, ODK
Army ~ Mechanical Engineering

Well it's closing again the only difference this time it's for good. Four years ago I came here unsure of myself and not knowing what I want to do with my life. Rat year was a blast even though it sucked it was cool in really sick way. Debo and doo doo, who did we survive that year. The flames were a lot hotter in 134 and yes that radiator was directly connected to hell. Third class year was the year to wreck shop. The boys of 372 were on a mission; a mission of attrition. We had our cake and ate it too. Clay where you? The original 337 crew: Fats, Feads, Mike, Jamie, and Trube, now those were some rough nights. Id like to remember second class year but it just remains as a glorious haze. Somewhere in there we got a ring or something. The friends I've made here are friends for life. Debo, RJ, Andy, and V-dogg, wow the last couple of years have flown by. Kristie, I can't believe that we are still together. Especially after all the heart ache and pain this place has caused you. I love you. Of course I didn't forget you Pecker. I know the beginning was rough. You just keep you act straight and your nose clean. These 4 years are faster than you think Good luck David.

Mom, Dad, what can I say. Having you as my parents has always been the best thing going for me. Thank you for always providing me with the encouragement and love that helped keep me going and kept me with the right attitude. I love you.

Dykes
1996 - Josh Keesal, Sean McMurray
2002 - Jarrett Williams, Stillman Clark

Dykes
1996 - Robert Deeds

Dykes
1996 - John Pearce
2002 - David Becker

Chad A. Varanese
North Olmsted, OH

Chadwick
Navy ~ Economics & Business

It would be hard to write this without including a few of the same age old cliches that have graced the pages of every yearbook since their invention. with that in mind I myself will not try to avoid doing so. i came here with no idea what this place was about....the hypocracies, the abuses of power, and the total disregard, or shall i say disrespect for the "citizen soldiers" that have inhabited the "Fake Front" we call barracks. yet each year i continually return. this place has a mystical aura about it, something we all know. the friendships i've made year after year cannot be reciprocated. still, the school i knew when i got here is not the school i am at now. i only hope that as the saying goes "vmi is good to be from and not good to be at," rings true..... the best semester I experienced while a cadet was the semester i spent studying in prague. from that my eyes were opened to the world. i have a fever to see it and experience it, so that's my direction.

to my rats, get out while you still can. if you do not heed my warnings then take my advice, channel your energies into doing well.

Without the invaluable support of my parents i don't think i could have gotten as far as i have. so you deserve a special tribute. i love you more than life itself. you soothed my soul and propped me up during the worst of times, and you encouraged me during the best. from the bottom of my heart i say thank you ...for everything. that would be all i could say without filling the page with my gratitude.

Christopher L. Varner
Covington, VA

V-DoGG, Head, Jed
Army ~ Civil Engineering

i came to this school with dreams and a belief of a new beginning. I have accomplished every dream that became important but I lost faith in a school that I have watched fall away from everything my dykes taught me. I wish people knew the true story of how a group of people destroyed this school just so they could have their names remembered for making a difference. To those people I turn my back, walk away, and hope never to see you again.

• On the other hand I pray for the futures of those I care about: Andy, Debo, Turp, RJ, Sheep-DoGG, Lada-dado, G28, Washington Arch, The Enviro II gang, my Rots and everyone else, you know who you are:

"May God keep watch over me and thee while we are absent one from another"

"Caveat Chasseur"-- Beware of the Foot Soldier

"Fortitudine Vicimus"— By Endurance We Conquer

"Now Bid Me Run and I will strive with all things impossible, Yea, get the better of them."
Julius Caesar, II , 1.324-6

Shawn M. Ward
Covington, VA

Snoop, Duke, Son, Puffy, Slim
Army ~ Economics & Business

To tell you the truth Snoop, Ian and myself ar a bit of a loss of how to start this. After all, how we to immortalize our lives together here in a m half page? Will anyone reading this understand inferno, the vortex, the g-spot, the nook, club Peabody's, New River, and what it means to be friends? Ian has been with you the whole way with every step you took has been your rock. He been your roommate of four years, from matric tion to commencement. I have been with yo scant two years as a roommate, but as we sh majors, experiences, and our life. You have emb ied the meaning of TRUE friendship for both of Truth be told we know not the details of your fut What we do know is that we will always be here you, not merely as brother rats, but as best of frien Later. -Charles & Ian

Gratitude must be extended to my lov Mom and Dad, though weary of me attending school, have only given me the utmost of love support. Krista, my love, what can I say? Many h doubted the likelihood of us staying together th four years, but we have proven them wrong. I only did we stay together, we have grown with another. I love you more than this mere page allow me to express. Thank you for always be there for me, and please, be there for me in future, our future.

Dykes
1996 - Jeff Collier
2002 - Phakday Pen

Dykes
1996 - Dallas Richards
2002 - Keenan Enstminger, James Howard

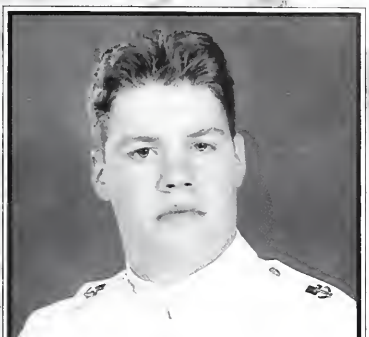
Dykes
1996 - Tad Blackburn
2002 - Marc Weber

Trent A. Warncke
Cincinnati, OH

Warncke
Marines ~ Mechanical Engineer

I would like to thank my parents for their uncondi-onal support throughout my time at V.M.I. and also Melissa. But my greatest thanks goes to Christ for s commitment and kept promises. May all my class-ates do well in the ventures, for I am done and ever to return.

Semper Fi



Jason D. Weaver
Nazareth, PA

Weave, Weavul, Randy Weaver
Army ~ History

As the sun sets on my cadetship here at VMI, I cannot but wander what the reason was that I came here for. I know that VMI accepted a below average student, and I never met the requirements academically to get in here. I struggled with my grades for two years, but my first year was the absolute worst. At the end of the year many thought I wouldn't come back or would want to come back, but there was something that drew me back to this hell. I think it was the friends that I made while I was here, because everyone truly became brothers. I know that I made it through this place with their help and friendship. Although we never lost sight of graduating from this place even if it takes 5 years; Andy, Z, Jay White. There were some great times in town, in Maryland, and at my favorite place JMU. And I can't forget the times my roommates and I had: Reed and Lada, and rat roommates Romm and Forbes. I can't leave out the most important my boy Ricca Anthony Espinoza, who was there from the beginning. I will like most alumnus, miss this place and wish I could do college over again (except not here). I want to thank my mom and all she has done because this wouldn't be possible without her busting her ass for me. Also I thank my brother, grandfather, and step-dad. But I wish most of all I could have had my grandmother here to see me get my ring and graduate, because she loved what I was doing and really believed in me. Thanks Gram. You will be missed.

Richard K. Webster
Hardy, VA

Webbie, Web, Old Man
Army ~ Civil Engineering

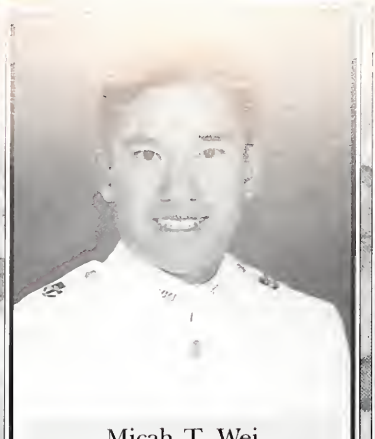
Well the easy part is done. I have finished my stay at the "I" and am going to start my life in the dreaded real world. Luckily this place has more than prepared me for any adversities that may come my way. As I leave this place I take with me two things that nobody can take from me which are pride and honor. I also take friendships that will go on until I die. To the other inhabitants of room 124 Chris and Randy, you guys are like my brothers and I am glad that you let me move in when I was a homeless third. Luke, what can I say? We have done so much and all it took was a little arm twisting. One last road trip is in order though! As for the rest of the boys ("Z", Buster, Mo, and the 452 dirtbandits) thanks for the good times. It was never hard to find someone to go drinking with!

This was not the easiest four years of my life but it did make me grow up and realize that whenever I doubted myself someone else always saw the good side. This is an impossible place if you are alone, but hey, you are NEVER alone here. As for my rats, Salami, Jeremiah, Dave, and Stuart, STUDY!!! And just remember how easy you had it when you get rats.

Dykes
1996 - Taylor Smith

Dykes
1996 - Mike Wilbourn
2002 - David Shively

Dykes
1996 - Mike Stephens
2002 - Alex Milani



Micah T. Wei
Midlothian, VA

Army ~ Economics & Business

Christopher D. Wells
Newport, RI

Army ~ Mechanical Engineering

Jason C. White
Johns Island, SC

J. White
Air Force ~ Computer Science

Four years I will have spent at the venerable institute. During my rat year, I was indoctrinated with the rest of my fellow baldies, running around waiting every night for the next 3:30 disco inferno. Greg, Henry and I spent many a night cursing the Court about disrupting our beauty sleep. My third class year was wonderful, no one gave a damn about what I did on the third stoop. Second class year was fine and dandy. Ring Figure was a blast, and then our powerful GC moved some elephant killa in Jae and mine's room. Ma, good luck in finding your bee-ah. First class year has been a sprint to the light at the end of the tunnel. Stan, the happy Haitian, and Manny, the taca king of the world, added to the resident baurbanator, Raekwanda. To my dykes, remember who your friends are, loyalty is truer than anything in this world. To my Charlie boyz- Patty, Henry, Stan, William Henry, Kasper, Eric, Hawk, Wills, one day we WILL rule the world, they can't stop all of us. To the rest- Joe, Manny, Ma, J-Hennigan, Brent Dawg, Ben K., what I don't take is open to ya'll. Thanks first and foremost to my mother. She's the most wonderful person in the whole wide world and deserves more than she's ever received. Dad, you've always been there and never hesitated to give guidance or wisdom. I can only dream to give my sons the teaching you've given me. Sanya and Doug, ya'll make a helluva pair- thanks for making it to all those Parent Weekends and all the support. Thanks be to God for letting me finish the task.

Two Roads diverged in a yellow waad,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I staad
And looked dawn at one as far as I could
To where I bent in the undergrawth;
Then took the ather, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Becasue it was grassy and wanted wear,
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that marning equally lay
In leaves no step had tradden black.
Oh, I kept the first far another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I shaud ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the an less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

Well, this has been a long and hard road, but it's coming to an end. There have been a lot of times when I thought that this would never end. A lot of people help me get through this place and I want to thank you for making this place bearable. To my rats Tony and Joey, you guys are all right even though you don't always come down in the mornings. To the guys that I hung out with keep in touch. And to C25 and room 231 last year we had a blast.

Dykes
1996 - Karl Painter
2002 - Landom Blum

Dykes
1996 - Tony Browne
2002 - Joey Gibson

Courtenay J.P. Whitman
Elkin, NC

Army ~ International Studies

Well...where do I start, now that I'm finished. Heav-nly Father, Your presence and guidance has blessed ny time at the Institute, continue to walk with me awn this road called life. Thank You. "Mama, my nspiration, your the reason I never gave up believ-ng, I love you, Thanks. Dad, I've come a long way, ou taught me how to embrace humility when I was own and deal with successes, thanks for teaching ne how to be a REAL MAN. Crista, my little sis, you vere always there to provide the insight and confi-ence I needed. I love ya girl. My little bro's, Clint, eith, and Kyle, growing up happened fast, but all my nemories are good because of you all; you always nade me feel important, like a BROTHER. Blaire, your ove makes everything worthwhile...your face, your mile, your laugh keeps me going. Your my best iend, grow old with me. 122-120/Ben, Foster, Crazy, og, Coley, J-Dog, Stutts, Mongo, ..your the best. I will lways value our friendship, My underground broth-rs, Park-Dog, Michael/J, Lemery-T, Dre Quarles, and oe...lets do it again sometime. To my Carolina oys, Coley, Stutts, **F@$!** Virginia, were going home. o all my REAL SOLDIERS Bud, Mac, Scotty, Dre, Dell, ird("Shoulder"...thought I told ya), Jordan, Buster, Jack, J-White...your friendships on the team cre-ted my real home. LBC/Dre, Mac, Scotty, Travis-**HIT O KILL**." To all my boys left behind, Q, Travis, Jeff, J: lunt, Pat, Robbie, Funch, Red Herrin, Big Bootie-Keep vorking hard-it will pay off, and always remember I EEL YA!!!

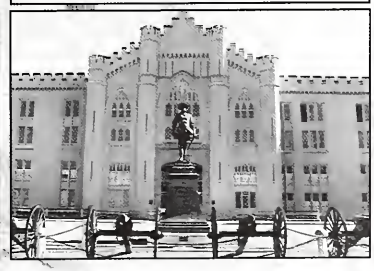
Dykes
1996 - Chris Watson
2002 - Dave, Josh, Brant, Matt, Brian

Daniel C. Wilbun
Prince George, VA

Air Force ~ Electrical Engineering

Well lets see....I don't really have much to say about this place. Or maybe I have a million things to say about it and everyone that knows me has prob-ably already heard it. What a trip. And you wanta know something else...the only reason I'm writing this thing is because I'll get five PT's if I don't!!! Gezzzz...I think I've said it all...

Dykes
1996 - Mark
2002 - Mark

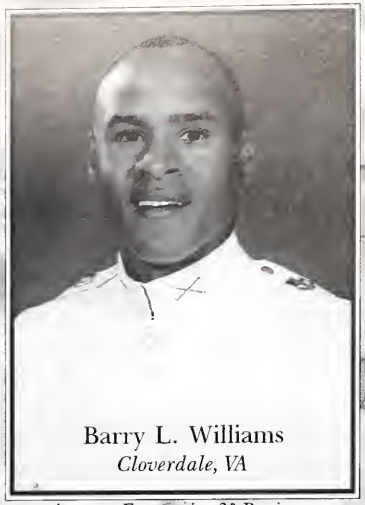


John M. R. Wilcox
Tampa, FL

Mad Dog, Willie, Murray
Army ~ History

Well here I sit trying to do this at the last minute as I have almost everything here. However if my plan works I will have made it through eight years of school with minimal effort. The greatest gift this place be-stowed on me was my friends, to all of you I say thanks, and I'll see you on the flip side. To my room-mate, co-dyke, and brother Jason; the years have gone too quickly I'll miss the wild evenings, the trips to Gashen and the in depth late night conversations. It took us four years and five roommates but we finally found a combination that worked. To Ryan, I've really enjoyed having you as a roommate, and I promise to return for the occasional run to the bars. Johnny-Mac, two years later I still don't understand you, but you never cease to amaze me, good luck in whatever you choose. A special thanks to Sober Mike, far whom I owe more than I can put on paper. Let me just say briefly, I love you brother, and I will miss you. For Dad, Mom, Liz and Ben; I love you all and never could have made it this far had it not been for you. Rat year was the hardest of my life in many ways, I hope we all can mend our bridges and move on. And most importantly, I thank GOD, that you have shown me who I really am, and how to seek you in all things. Through The Buddha and Jesus Christ's teachings I hope to know you better and understand what it is I'm meant to do in this world. Perhaps one day I might near enlightenment, but for now I will take the doors that I see you open for me daily with joy.

Dykes
1996 - Doug Bartlett
2002 - Christian Collarmore

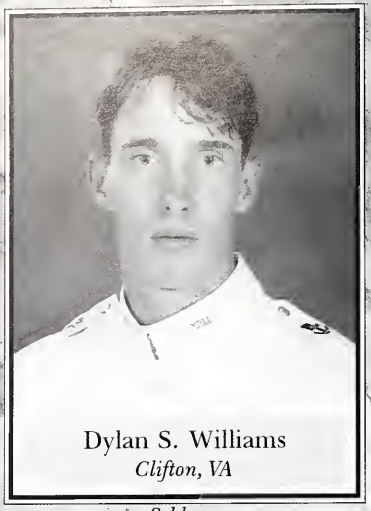


Barry L. Williams
Cloverdale, VA

Army ~ Economics & Business

First, I want to thank my family and friends who supported and believed in me during my stay here at the "I". Especially my Dad, Brother, and Grandfather. I remember the summer of 95' upon matriculation I set out for an "experience" and what and experience it has been! From the long-hard hours on the three hundred level of ScottShipp. To the long-fun weekends at other colleges. Overall the experience has been **outstanding** and I would not take anything for it. The "I" has given me a chance to be a leader, and hopefully I will carry some things on as well as leave some things behind. I am not going to say that everyday here was a joy ride, because it wasn't. Some days you really have to step back and ask yourself WHY?, but the answer is always it will pay off in the long run. For the roommates Travis, Gordy, and Claxton we could not have had a better room. I am going to miss the arguments as well as the heart-to- hearts we had. There are several other friends who made my say here at the "I" one to remember, for example John and Woody(Spring Break 98) WOW!

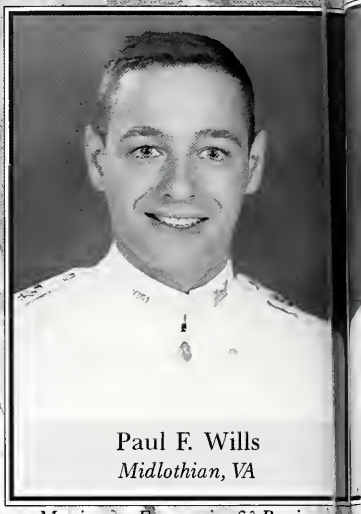
For the 124 rats hang in there and strive for perfection, and most of all remember what you were taught. Jason keep your positive attitude and you will do just fine. Golf Company rats keep train hard and don't give up! "Show me a successful person and I will show you someone who has overcome adversity." -Lou Holtz



Dylan S. Williams
Clifton, VA

Schlong
Navy ~ Economics & Business

For the past three something years I have been here, I have learned that vmi stands for the antithesis of the image it portrays with it's BIG FAKE FRONT. Consequently I take comfort in the knowledge that my cadetship is coming to an end. I would like to thank James Madison University for all my memories of college and for illustrating the absolute foolishness and mediocrity of this school and the administration that runs it. On the other hand I must ac knowledge that as I leave vmi, I do so with the memories and knowledge my friendships here have provided me. this upside far outweighs my bitterness and animosity towards vmi. it also made my sacrifice and time here worthwhile, I think. jpp, bolt, russ, the short guys, andy, randy, carey, timmy, vince, john, aarp, chad, matt, bp, justin, gary, monkey, bush, ned, and all the rest, I thank you for making this place better than it was, but guys it's still your school. To my mom, my sister, and my brothers I can only convey my deepest love. I will never forget and can only attempt to return your support for me in all that I do. Mona I will see you on the other side. james, mike, and pak I could not have asked far anything more from you guys. Shawn I wish you the best and hope that my advice will serve you well. Do the best with what you are given and make the most of what you have. I will see you all down the road.



Paul F. Wills
Midlothian, VA

Marines ~ Economics & Business

Well guys it's been fun. These last four years have been sort of an adventure. Charlie company it's been great being part of a team that's done so well over the years. It's funny how we have all spent together over the years. I guess that little thing orms serves as a reminder. Billy, Kasper, and thanks far being there for me, especially when my grandfather passed away. I don't think I could have made it through without you being there far me. We've had some great times together. They say that there are three things that make this place worth coming to, Breakout, Ring Figure, and Graduation. But I think there is more that everyone really looks, and that is the friends that you make here. Guys, you've been great friends and I can't wait we all came back far our reunion. I wish the best of all of you. Ring Figure was the best weekend of my life. I want to give a special thanks to Col. Bissell and Capt. Green for allowing me to go to Texas A&M. It was an experience that I'll never forget. To my family, I want to thank you far the support through the past four years. Josh and Mike, you two are great friends and I appreciate the fact you put up with my crap this last year. I know it's been hard. Well it's almost time for me to see what the real world has to offer, from what I've been told, it's not that great. But I guess it's sort of like this school, it's what you make out of it. Keep your heads high, don't forget who you are, and most important.....Guys, don't forget where you came from!

Dykes
1996 - Charles Schurman
2002 - Jason Kocher

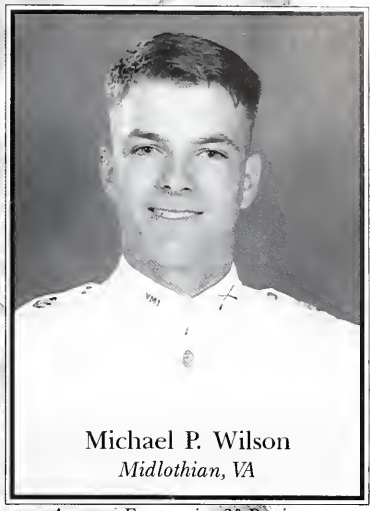
Dykes
2002 - Shawn Lacks

Michael H. Wilson
Virginia Beach, VA

Slug, Kermit, Diesel, The Old Man
Army ~ Chemistry

I can't believe my time at our beloved Institute is finally over....Thank God!!!! Now I can move on to a REAL college (for grad. school). No more BRC, SRC, Bed checks, taps checks, or those annoying check forms where they spend two hours telling you what you already know. Yep, the real world will definitely be different. I just hope all the pain and agony of the four years pays off. As much as we all whine and complain about everything here; we are still in some strange twisted way proud of this place and what we have endured. I guess it is because we know that in the end it will all be worth it. We learn lessons like that you don't get anywhere else. We meet great (and not so great) people; and make some of the best friends of our lives. Those friends are what makes being here bearable. I won't miss much of the "I" after I'm gone, but I will miss all the great friendships I've made over the past four years.

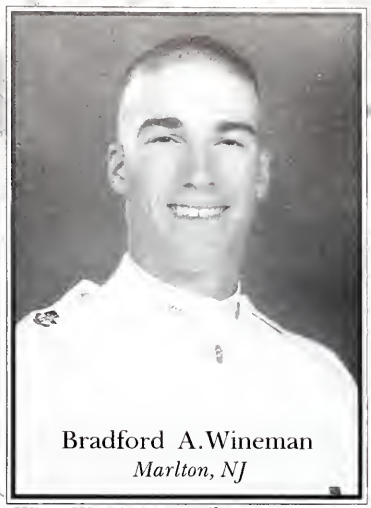
Lee hang in there. In the end I think you will say it was worth it too. It is a long tough road but it is over before you even know it. Just remember you'll get out what you put in.



Michael P. Wilson
Midlothian, VA

Army ~ Economics & Business

I have never been able to answer the question Why VMI? I guess somewhere inside I felt I had something to prove and this would be the best way of doing it. I know that the sacrifices and heartaches have tested me more than I ever thought they would, but somehow I believe it has been worth it. A high price to pay, but so much has been learned. I'm still a dork! To those who mean the world to me- family, my grandparents, Mom and Dad. You all mean so much to me and I love you very much. Brian- I look at you and I am filled with unbelievable pride, always do what is right in your heart and you will never be wrong. Jake- I can't put it into words, you're a spook, there ain't nobody else I would rather laugh or cry with. Matt and Conor- what can I say to two of the best guys in the world who put up with me for so long! Earl, Stix, Muffin, JD, Kline, RHB, Head, LeRoy, Tool, JAG, CT, Sheist, and all the other fellas... you guys made this place good- thank you. Brady and Brett; I hope I have taught you well, you have both certainly taught me plenty. Steal from this place as much as you can, and give back an equal amount. Good luck, I know you will both make me proud. Thank you Lord.



Bradford A. Wineman
Marlton, NJ

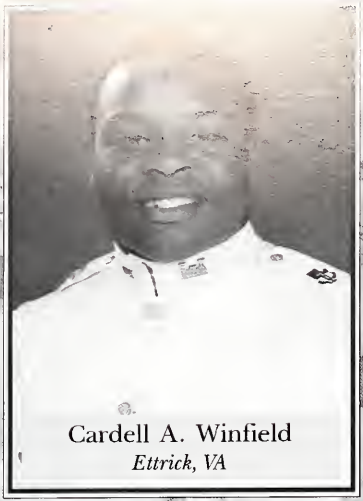
Wino, Weenie-Man, Whiney-Man, Smaj
Army ~ History

It has been said that the greatest of comraderies have been forged within the fires of adversity. Of this I have no doubt. After being thrown into the maelstrom of VMI, I have found that the one constant and truly dependable aspect of life is a good friend. Four years and countless experiences having elapsed. I feel justified to say that my friendship with Brad Wineman has become a priceless collection of humor, adventure and solemn understanding bound together in a loyalty few people will have the honor of experiencing. Whether it was a heartfelt confiding of my deepest concerns or a tasteless, locker room style joke, Brad was there...and made me glad I was too. Late nights were spent debating the exact nature of that anomaly known as women or piecing together the scattered clues of life itself. During the day, if Brad could find a moment's peace between classes and the duties demanded of him by the school, he was well armed with an entourage of one-liners, movie quotes, nonsensical trivia and the occasional Zen mantra for our meditating enjoyment. Brad has proven himself valuable as both comic relief and sage advisor. Although I could write volumes on the amazing, hilarious and just plain bizarre experiences we've shared I can't bring myself to squander this opportunity to recognize Brad for all his accomplishments and express my gratitude for his friendship. And all I can say is, "Thanks." – C.E.F.

Dykes
1996 - Darren Braylo
2002 - Steven Lee

Dykes
1996 - John Adams
2002 - Brady Bagwan, Brett Prillaman

Dykes
1996 - Bryan Cooke
2002 - Ruben Trant, Ryan Kenna

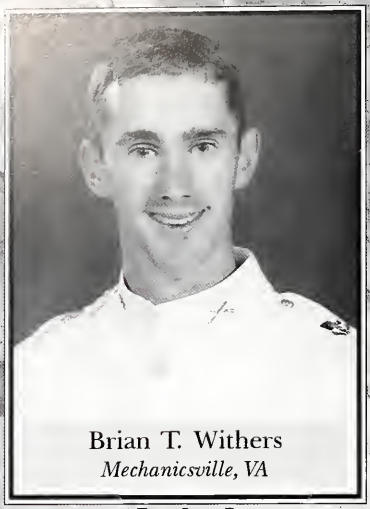


Cardell A. Winfield
Ettrick, VA

Del, Big D, C-Dub
Air Force ~ Economics & Business

The time has now come to end my journal at VMI and begin th real life. I like to thank the Lord for guiding me through all four years. I like to thank my mother and stepfather for their support through all the tough times. Best wishes to Dre, T-Bird, Brent, Dre Quarles, P-Daddy, Doe, Whit, Bud, Jackson, Jordan, Big Les, D. Jackson, D. Parker , and DC.

PEACE!

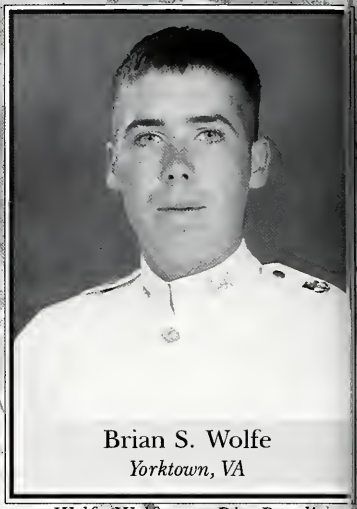


Brian T. Withers
Mechanicsville, VA

East Lex, B
Army ~ Economics & Business

Wow! Where did these 4 years go?? The road was long but definitely rewarding! To my family- I couldn't have made it without your support! Thanks Mom and Dad!! To my

BR's- I wish you the Best of luck! Big John- "You got any Brasso??" Take it easy John. Hey Yen-What a Great Ring Figure!! Jeff and Brent- Good luck in the "chair force". Drew- Mad Dog Delta..Huh!! Best of luck. Rat roommate Jordan- One question."Time is it??" Good luck buddy! Best of luck to all of you! To my girlfriend Stefanie- I look forward to the wonderful moments that we will soon be spending together! I Love You!!! Eric My roommate for 4 years and best friend, We did it man! It just went by too fast- From 413 to 474, the memories were great! I'll never forget them. Keep in touch Bro! To my dyke John- You've chosen a road less traveled. Keep your head up and stand tall. I know you'll do well. Well as my cadetship comes to a close, I want to thank you VMI for the great memories... I'll never forget you.



Brian S. Wolfe
Yorktown, VA

Wolfy, Wolfeman, Dirt Bandit
Army ~ Electrical Engineering

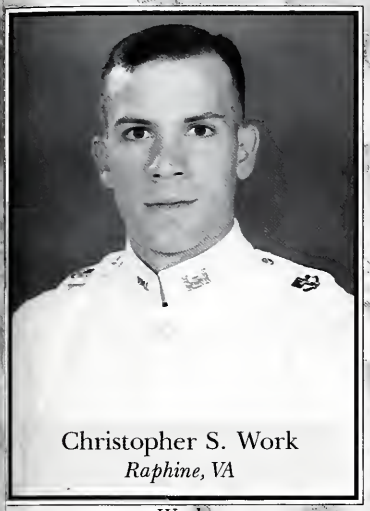
I can say that it has been a long four years, bu has been the best thing I could have ever done. Ti experiences and friends I have made througho my sentence have been invaluable. Mom, Do and Heather, I thank you for your encourageme and support you have given me despite all my grip and complaining. You are far more appreciate than I can ever put in words. To my friends: "Get me dog." Luke, you have been a great friend sinc day 1. The DB stories from weekends and mixe have been wild. To the boys in room 150, its be crazy (naked rednecks on the river, ring figure, a the road trip to Indiana). EE 99 (Van, Trash, Steve, T DP, Fil<UK still sucks>, Mikey, Kuhr dog, Dan and M Without all the mom jokes and pranks we have do through the four years, I might have switched econ or something. Good luck to all of you in th future when and if we finally graduate... M roomates(Ian, Sean, Chuck, and Jeff), it's been wild couple of years... COLD BEER There was never dull of sober night in club 252. If only the walls cou talk. Travis and Sebo, hang in there and don't let th Institute get to you.

B's "extra-curricular" activities are ever present his room mates memories , "cause he likes it." changing a tire at MacDonalds at 420 AM, to losir his car in Lexington (hide the rifles, B's drunk). Bric exemplifies the status quo of being a lush. Pele Wol should have starting playing soccer long ago, b icehouse and keg-stands took precedence.

Dykes
1996 - Mark Stephenson
2002 - Angela John

Dykes
1996 - Jethro H. Piland III
2002 - John A. Tibbs

Dykes
1996 - Matt Williamson
2002 - Travis Stevenson, Sebo Bond



Christopher S. Work
Raphine, VA

Work
Army ~ Mechanical Engineering

I moved down from New York senior year in high school to be a "towny". Didn't even know about VMI! All in one year I was thrown into the rat-line without a clue of anything. I didn't know it then, but it was definitely the best decision I had ever made. It has taught me everything about honor to myself and those around me! Long live "Webbie" and his rude comments about moms that make 124 laugh and especially his un-Godly stench coming out his backside! "Beat-Off", if I later talk to you in life, and you tell me that you have never missed an Air-Force formation because of sleeping, I will be surprised. Stay away from the alcohol and the Generals at the same time. "Webbie," may your hair hang in there a while longer till the rest of us catch up. On a more serious note, my room-mates are my life here at VMI, they keep me going. Best friends I'll ever have! Keep in touch. Love you guys! May F-Troop live on, and its individuality among the rest. Stay tight. There is too much to mention in such a small space. One thing I can say. The sight of Barracks from East Lex. bridge kisses you off and make you wants to cry, but there is a part of me and every other cadet inside them that says "I Love this place!" You hate it while you are here and miss it when you are gone. But, the best sight of VMI is in the rear-view mirror. Mom and Dad. Even though I felt pushed in going to this place, it was the best thing in the world for me! Love Yah! And Finally to my fiance, Holly. You are my life and love, till death do us part!!

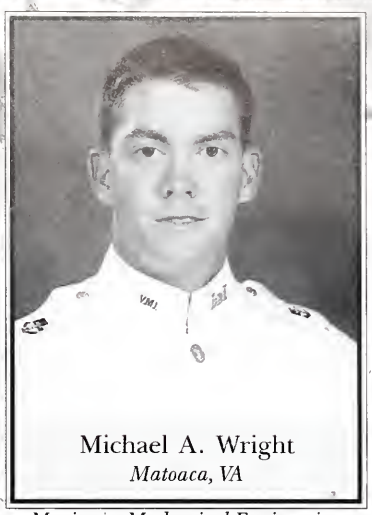
Dykes
1996 - Eric Michalski
2002 - Stuart Payne

John W. Wright II
Collinsville, VA

Sourpuss, Scooby, Pinky, Boo
Army ~ Civil Engineering

When I look back over the last four years of my life at the "I", I ask myself one question, "Why the hell did I do this to myself and stay here?" It wasn't the environment, academics, or the food. It was because of one thing; the friends that I have made. Grades come and go, confinement and PT's come and go, and the food comes and goes real fast, but the friends that I made will last forever. I first of all want to say thank you to my parents for giving me the chance to go to college and for their constant support through all of my struggles. The first years were difficult between us and looking back I hope I have exceeded your greatest expectations of a son. Thanks to Dave for the fun, through all of the good and bad times, we shared as roommates all four years. You have helped me tremendously in every aspect and regardless of everyone's doubts have become a great friend. To Travis, my boy and partner in crime forever, what more can I say. There is no other person that I would want as my right hand man through my cadetship and beyond. Through the talks and weekends, I can't think of a stone that we left unturned. Fonz, you were a great study partner and I hope that I helped you out as much as you helped me. Matt-tie, Ham, Sober Mike, Opus, Slider, Yan, Note, Sean-Hey man nice shot", Gordy and everyone else that I consider a friend. I wish the best for all of you and thanks for the good times and memories. Jerry, good luck on your future through the Institute.

Dykes
1996 - Kevin Whampler
2002 - Jerry Whitlock



Michael A. Wright
Matoaca, VA

Marines ~ Mechanical Engineering

There will be a lot of grand ole history that I will be leaving behind in May of 1999. I have gained an experience that I believe is unparalleled anywhere in the world. My time here at VMI has taught me a lot about life and how to manage the everyday obstacles that bombard cadets at VMI. Life at VMI has been very exciting, from my rat year when you could go up town, get served, and not remember getting back, to my third class year when Hunan's and W&L Frat parties always left me hammered, to my second class year when the O-Course Bar and Grill opened, to the present, my first class year, where the Palms always seems to send me on my way so damn drunk that I can't see. As for my roommates; Randy, Jamie, Trube, and Alex, I have been through a lot and done a lot of ignorant things with you all and hope that we stay in contact throughout life. To my dykes; Donno, Jeff, and Mike "Trunk room", carry on our traditions and succeed in anything you do. Don't get caught up in the trivial things in life and live for the moment for tomorrow may never come. I want to thank my grandpa, my grandma in heaven, and my parents for everything that they have done for me. They have supported me from the beginning, even when they did not think that I knew what I was doing by joining the Marine Corps or enrolling at VMI. I also want to thank my brother D.R. for being there, whether it be in Florida, Texas, Tennessee, or Virginia. Thanks to all, including VMI. Look out world, here I come!!!

Dykes
1996 - Mark Carter
2002 - Jeff Gannon

Bei-Chuan Yan
Taipei, Taiwan

Mad-Asian, Stone, Bay
Army ~ Mechanical Engineering

Thanks God! I can finally graduate from this place. Four years experience in VMI gives me so many memories that I will never forget. Thanks to my rat roommates, Ian, Sean, Lyle, and Robin, taught me how to speak English and explained to me what happened to John Wayne Bobbitt. Lee and Lu, thank you guys for taking care me when I came back to the room drunk. To Capt. Sexton and Mrs. Sexton, thank you so much for being my host-parents during my cadetship. You give me the most precious experiences of American culture which are so different than VMI. I will always remember you for the rest of life. Finally, thank you Mom and Dad, Whatever I have now are all from you.

James T. Yarborough
Hampton, VA

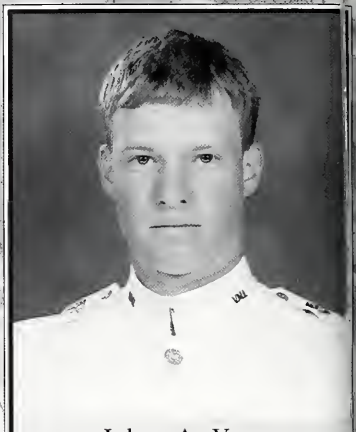
Army ~ English

Two Roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And I looked down at one as far as I could
To where I bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the on less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost



John A. Yates
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Army ~ Economics & Business

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Air Force ~ Economics & Business

I would like to thank my family for supporting me during this four-year sentence. After sleeping for half of the time it felt like I was only here for two years. Why do it today when it can be done tomorrow. To Shak and Mike, don't do as I do, do as I say. Seriously keep your grades up or you might end up here as long as me. I would like to thank everyone else, my roommates and friends, for making this part of my life bearable. To Brian G., Phil A., Joson C., and Drew H. take care wherever you are. PEACE

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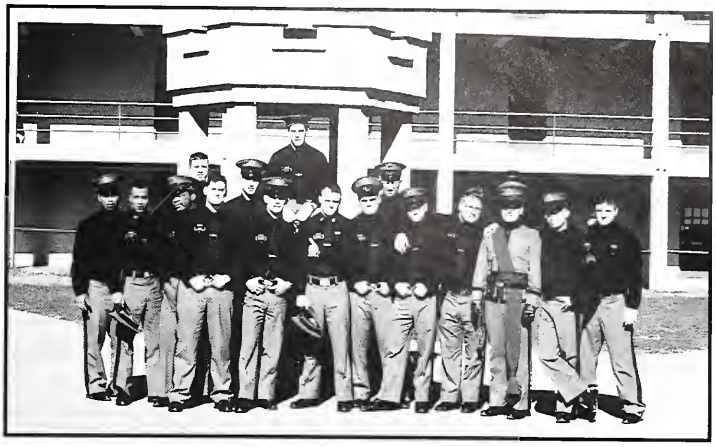

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"At his second bidding darkness fled, light shone, and order from disorder sprung."

-Joseph Addison

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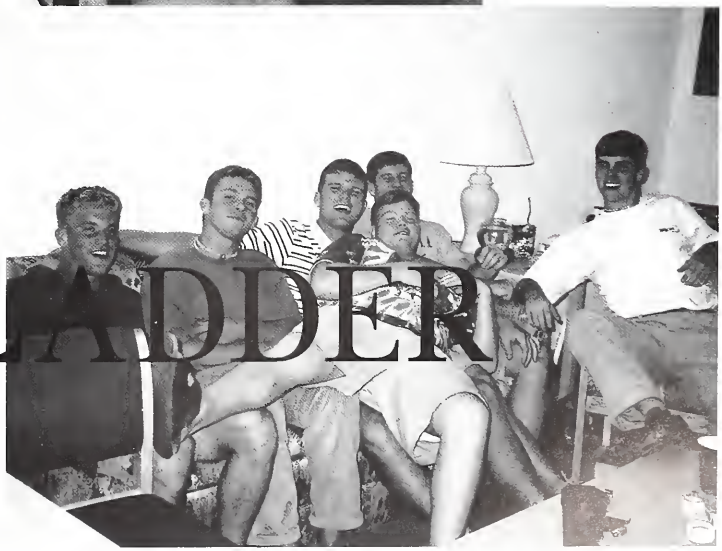

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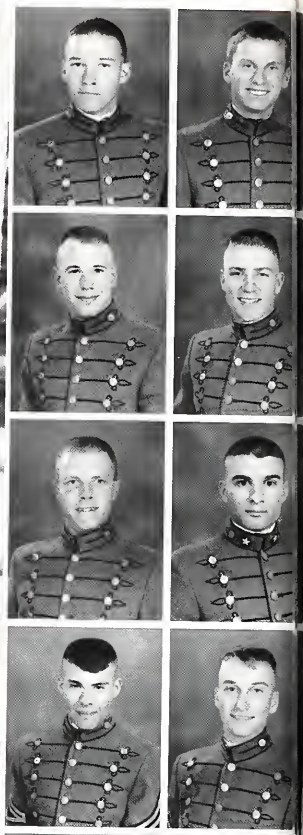

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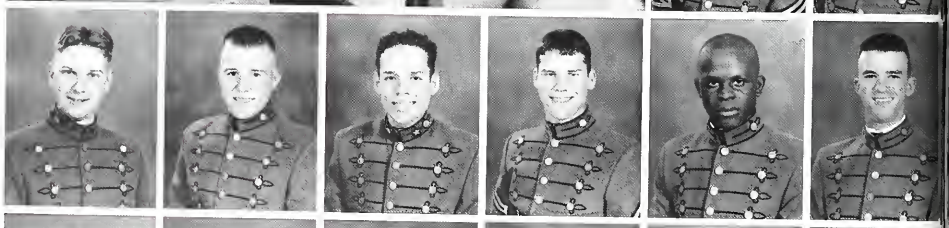

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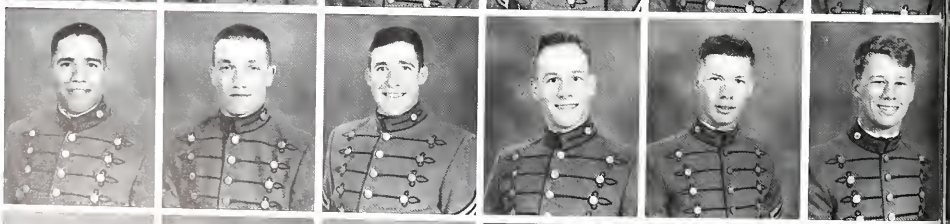

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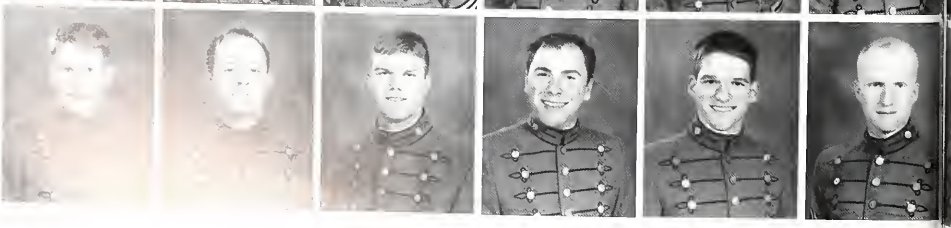

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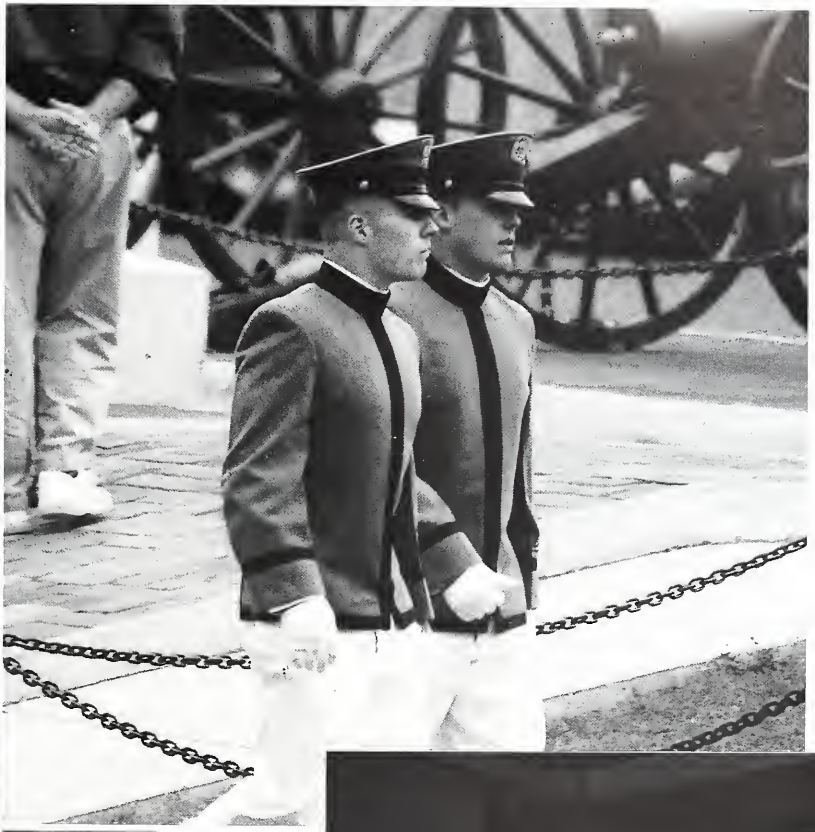

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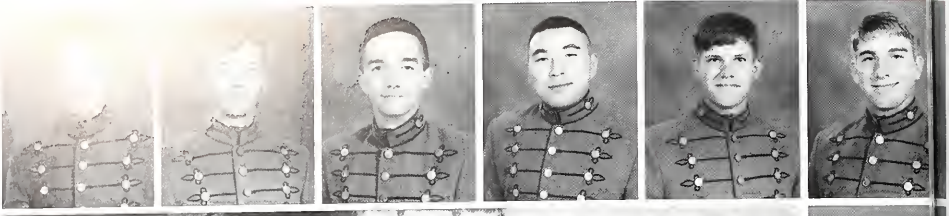

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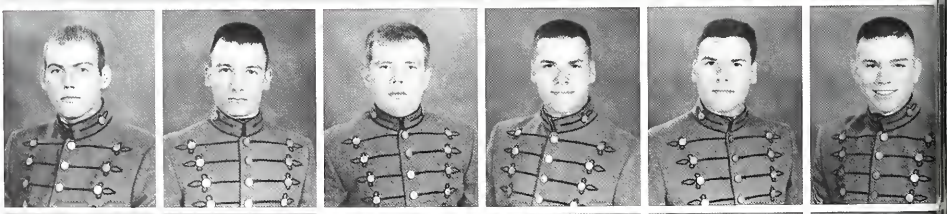

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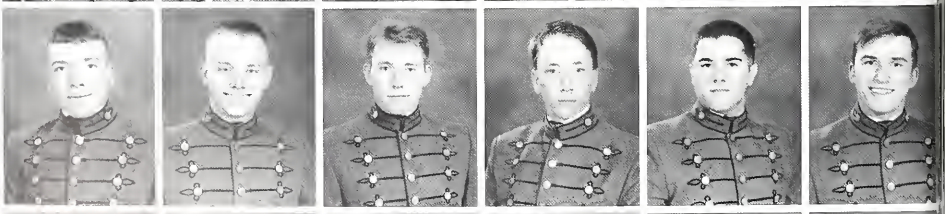

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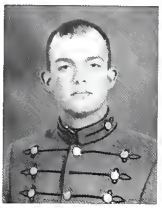

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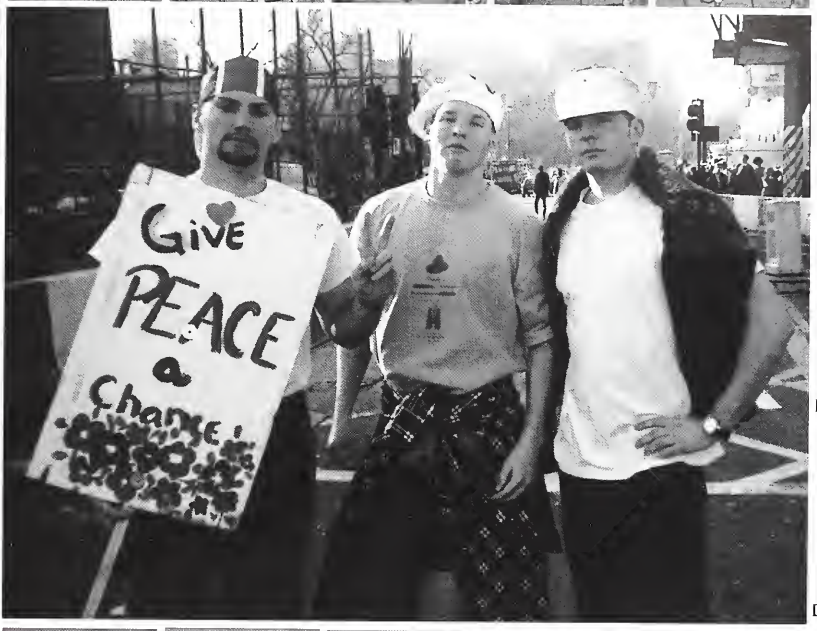

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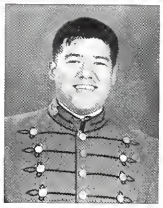
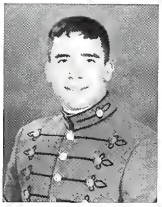

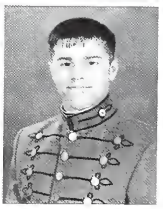

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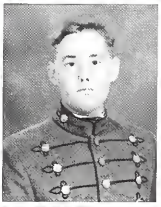
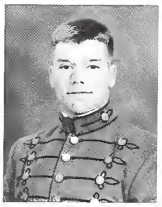
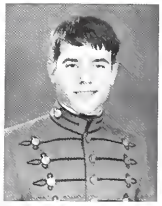

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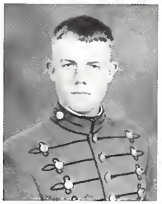

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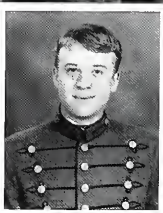
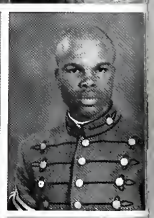

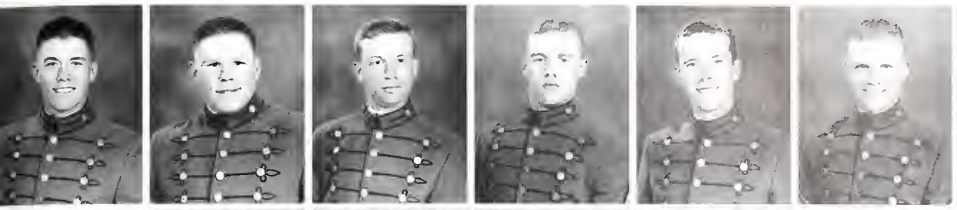

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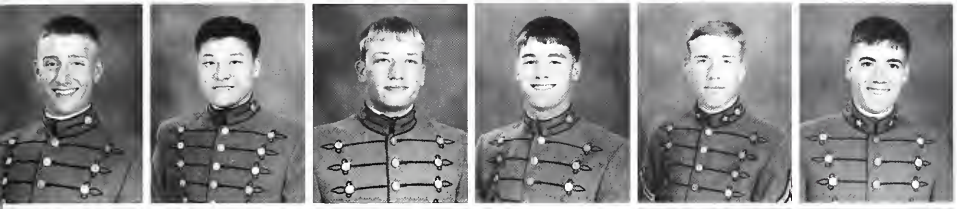

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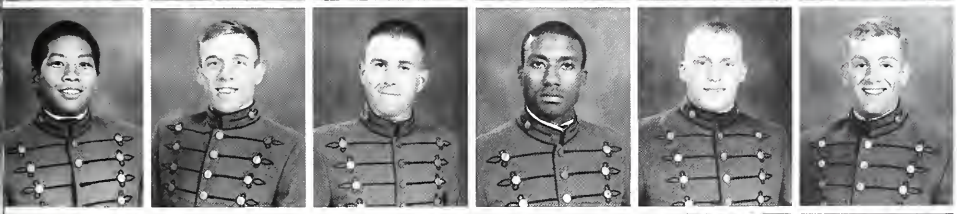

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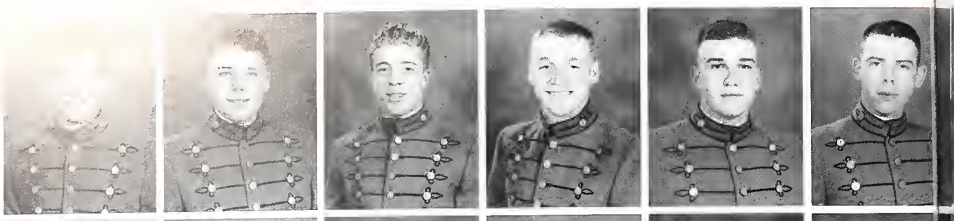

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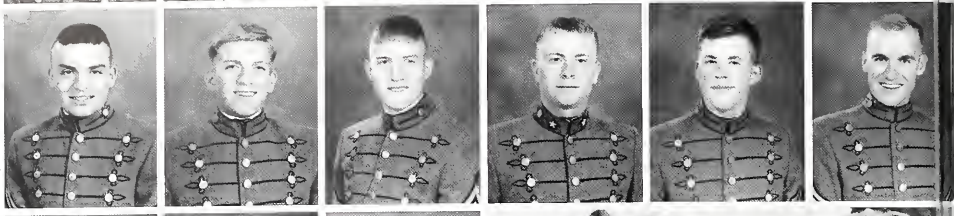

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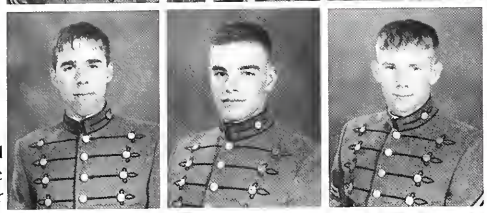

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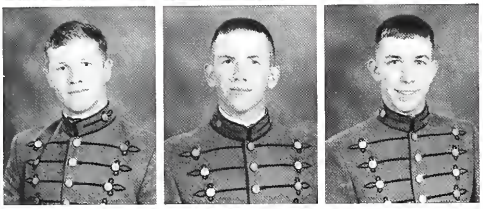

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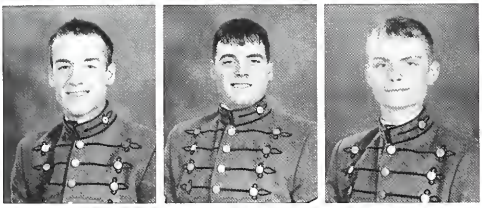

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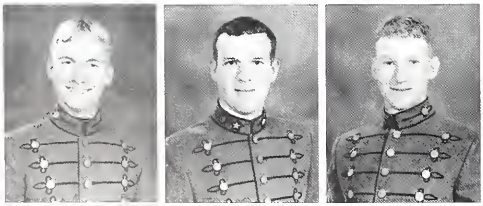

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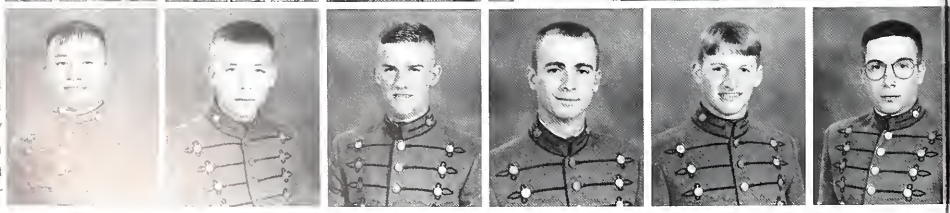

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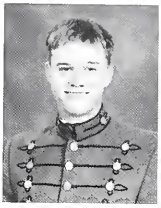

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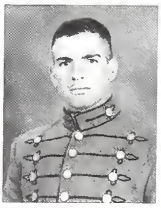
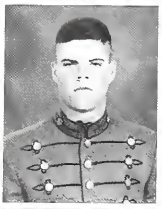

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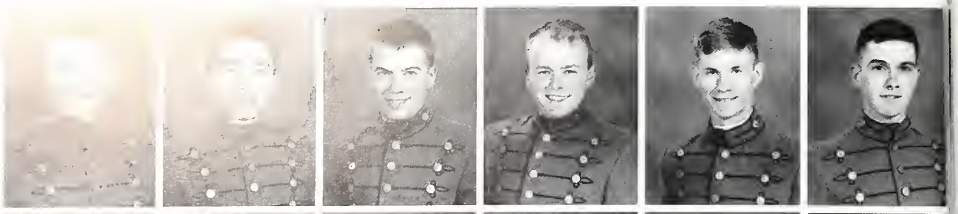

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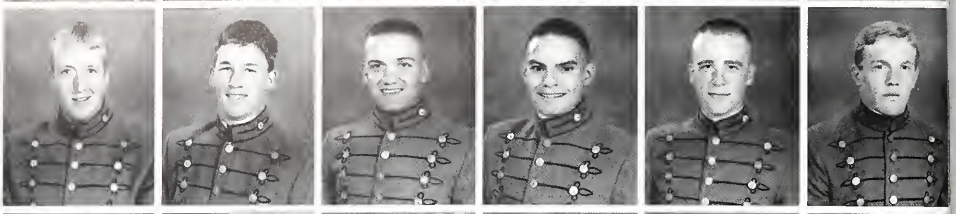

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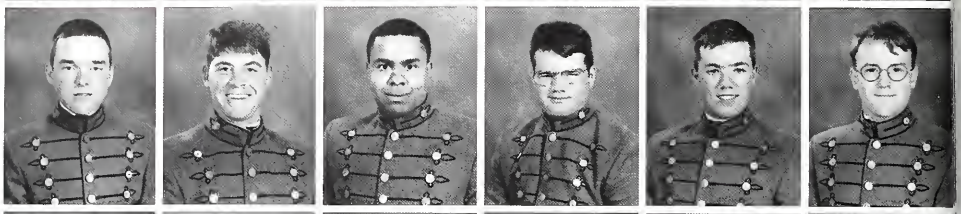

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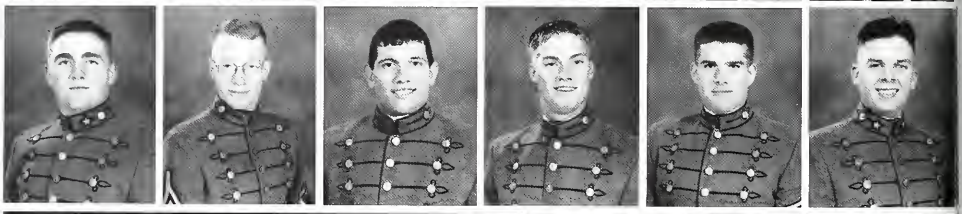

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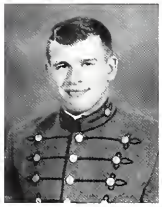

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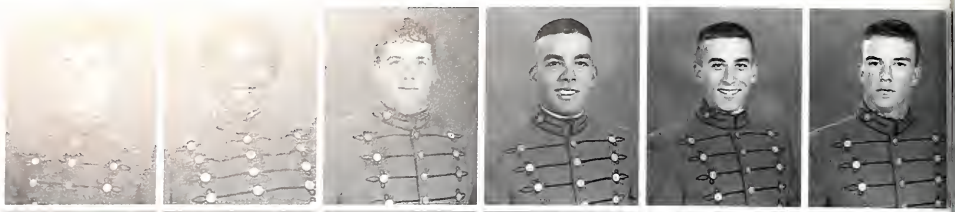

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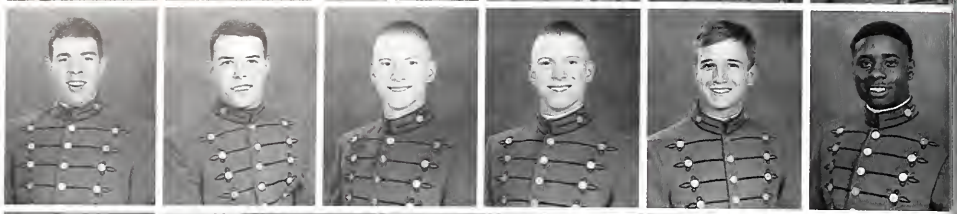

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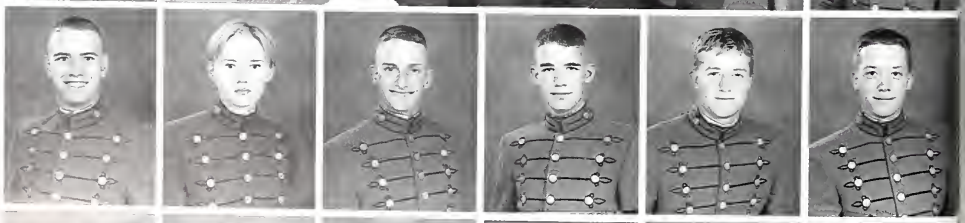

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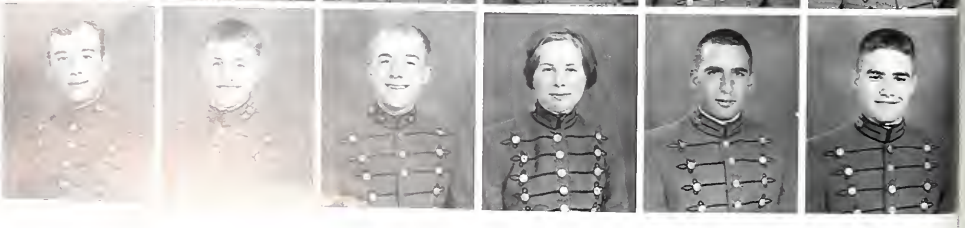

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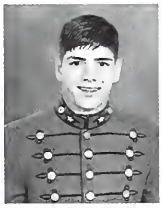

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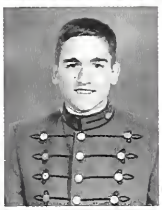

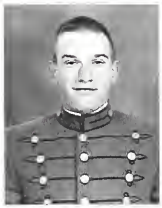
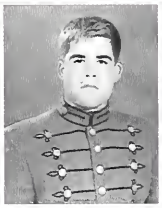

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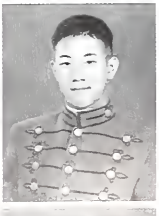

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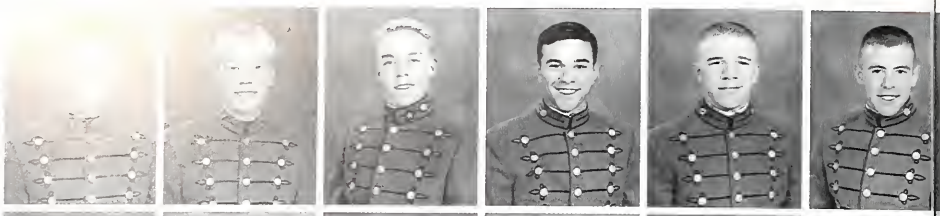

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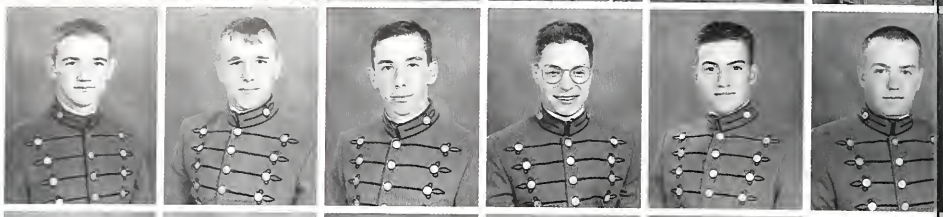

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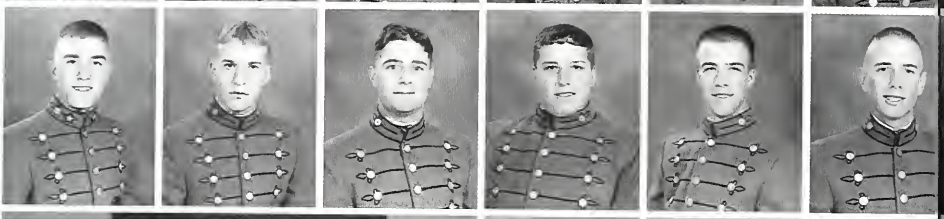

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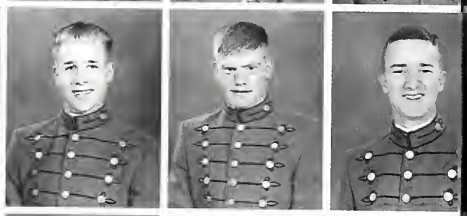

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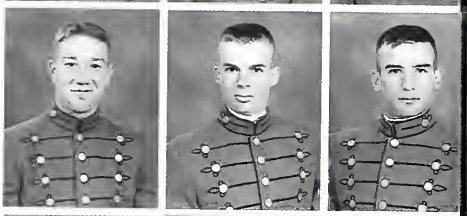

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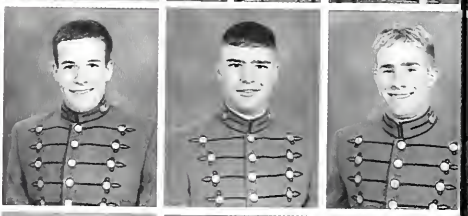

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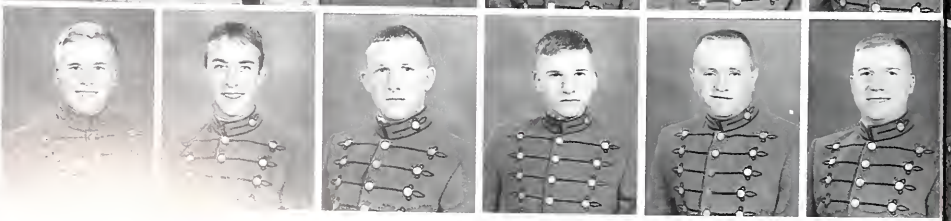

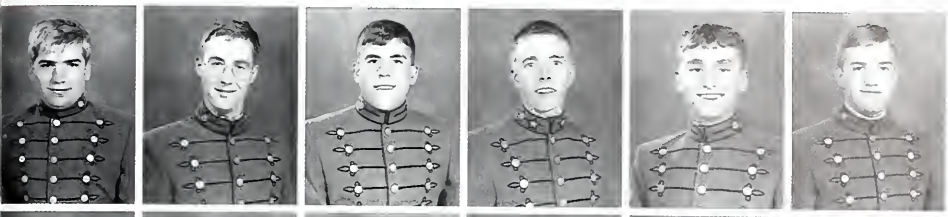

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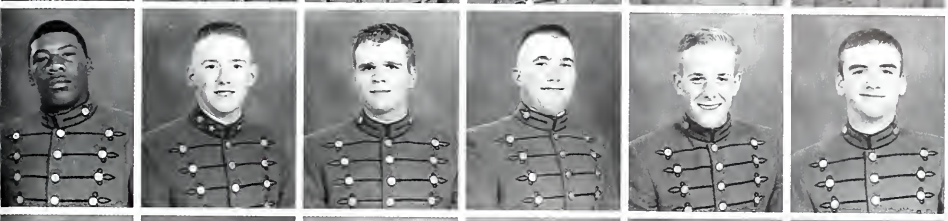

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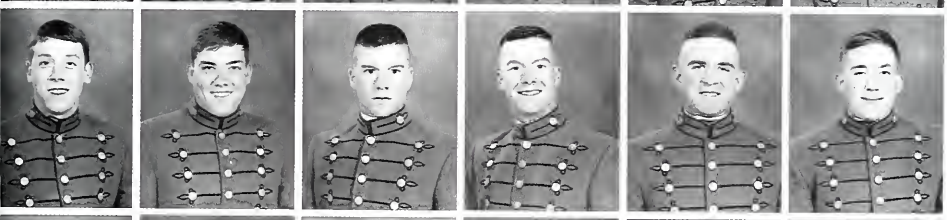

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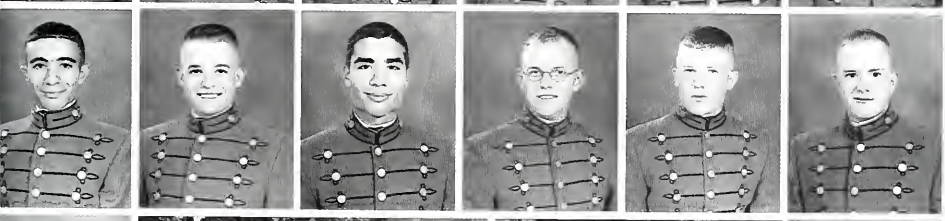

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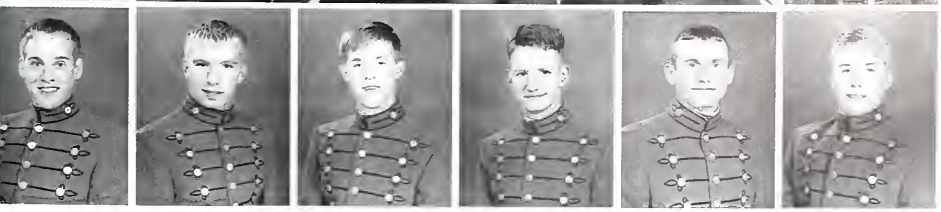

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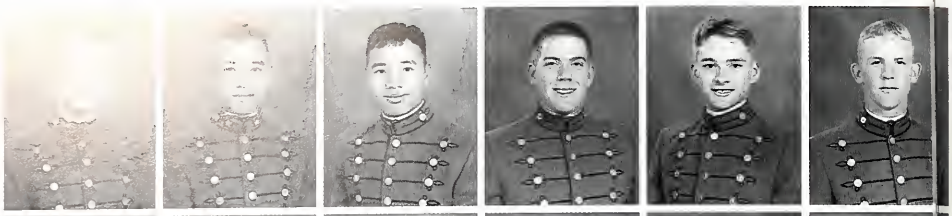

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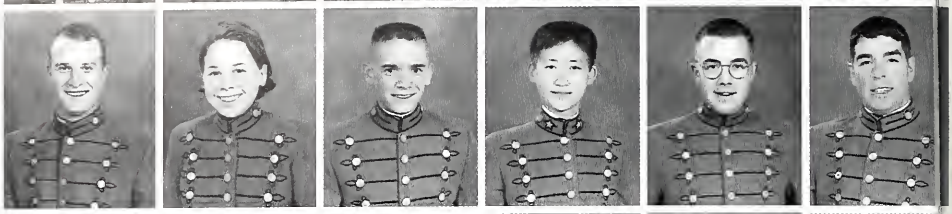

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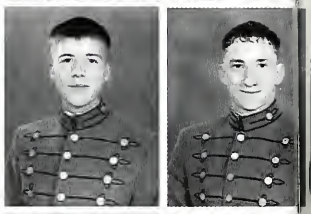

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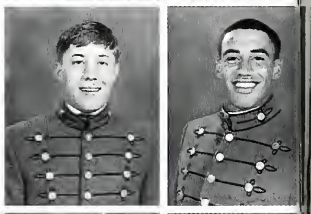

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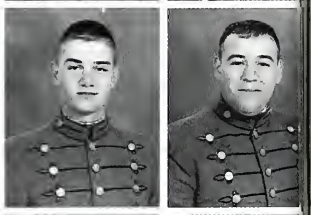

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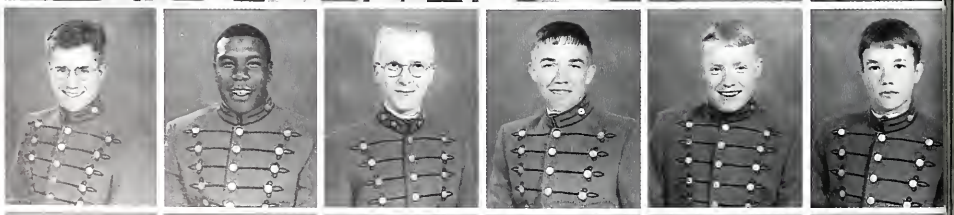

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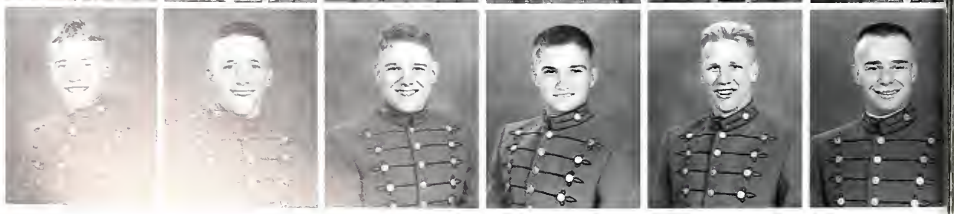

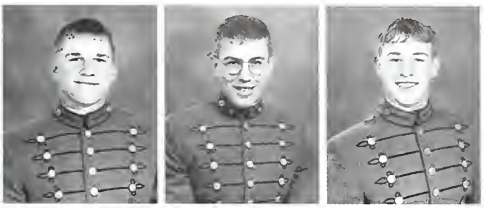

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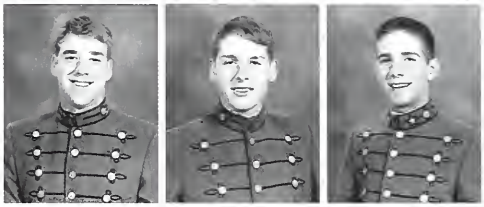

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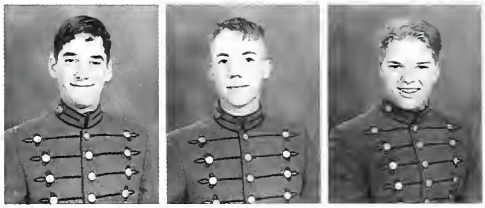

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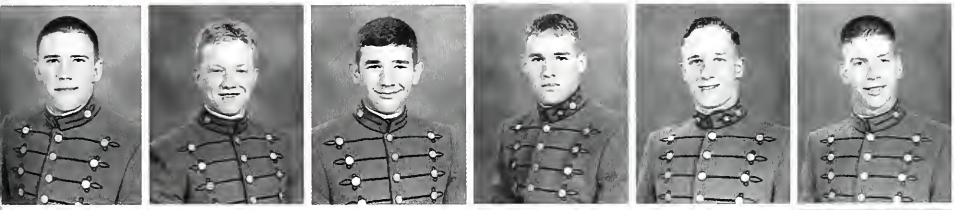

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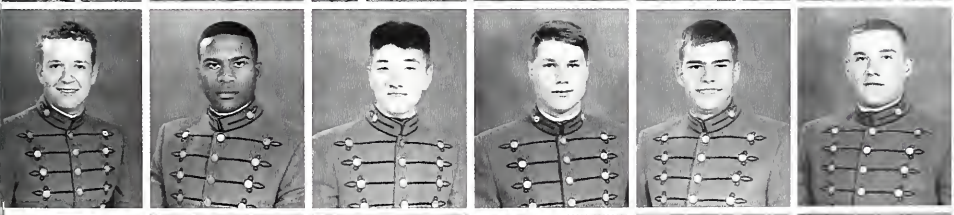

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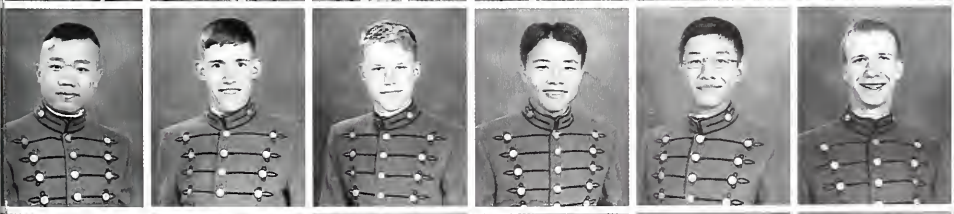

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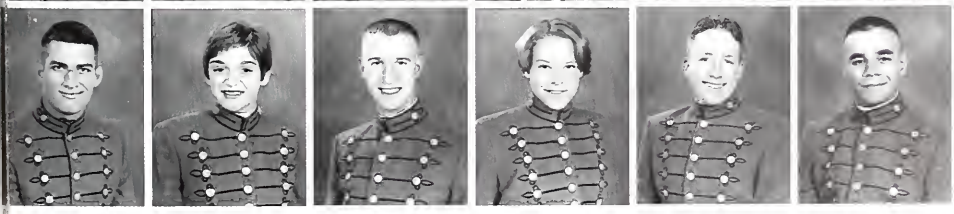

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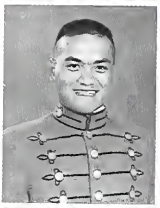

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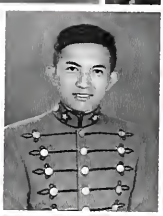

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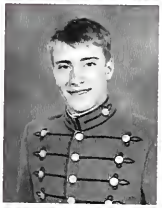

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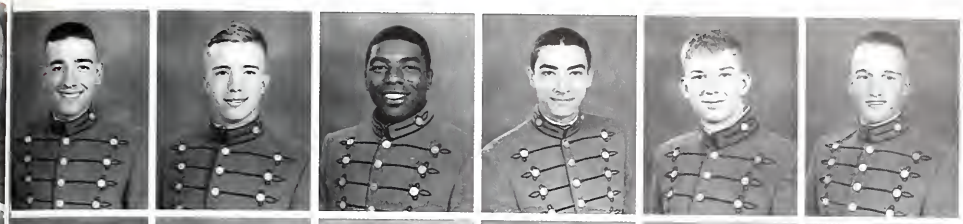

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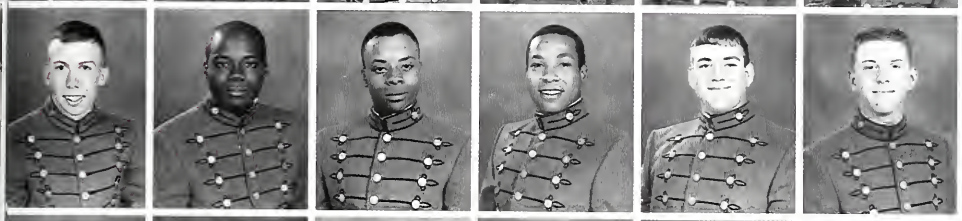

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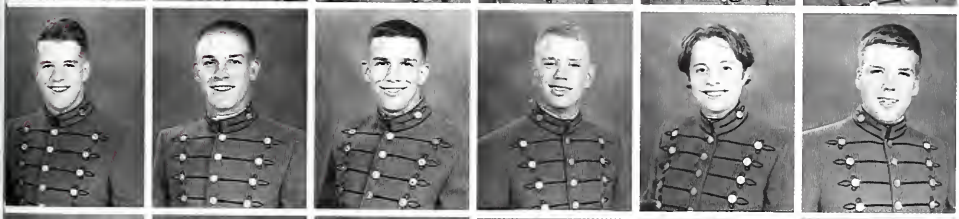

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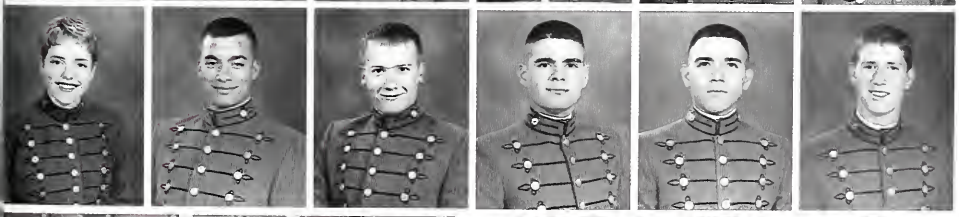

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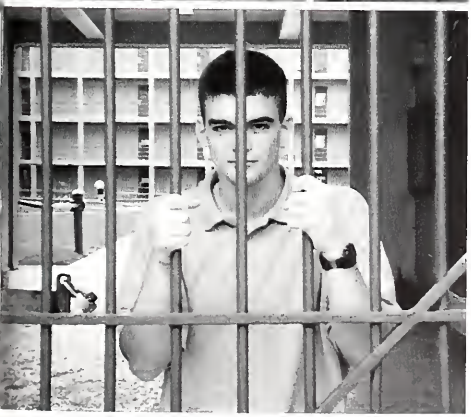

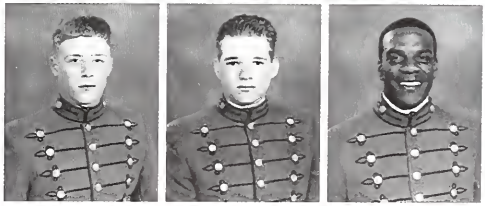

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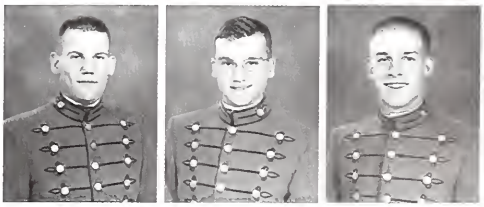

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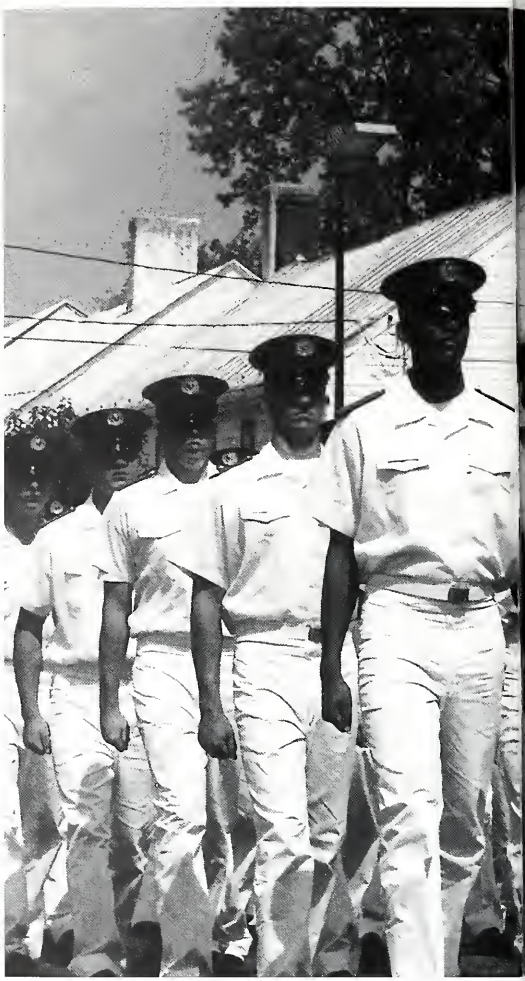

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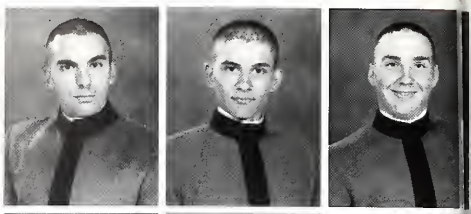

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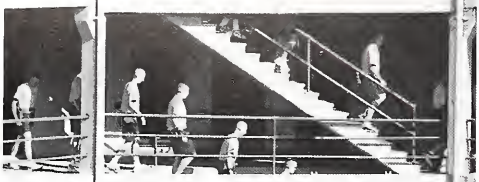

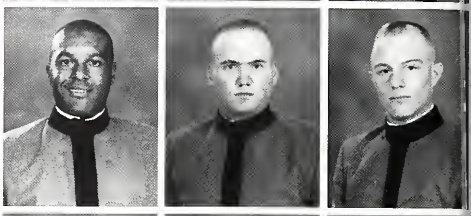

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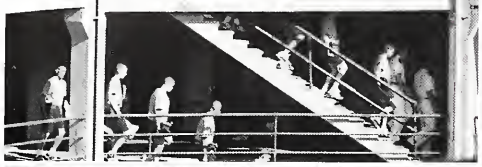

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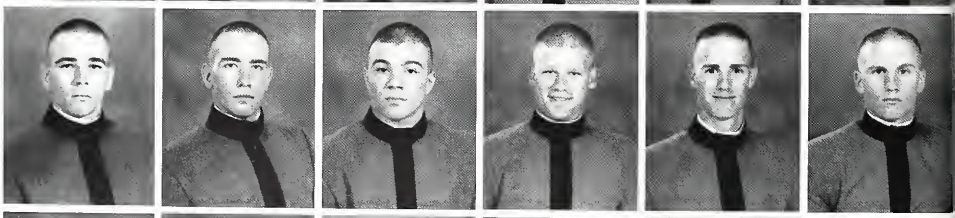

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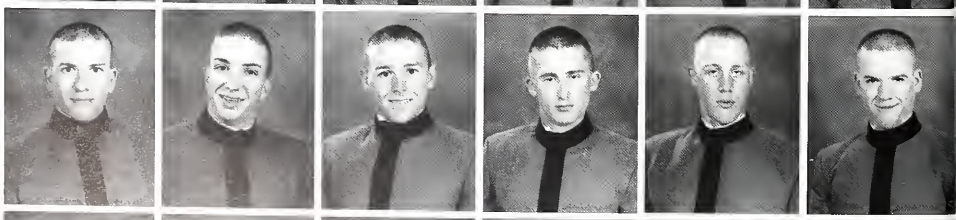

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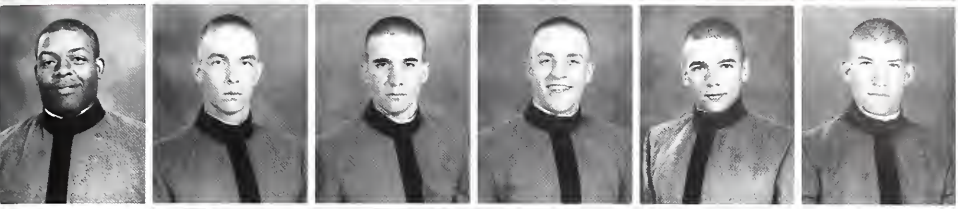

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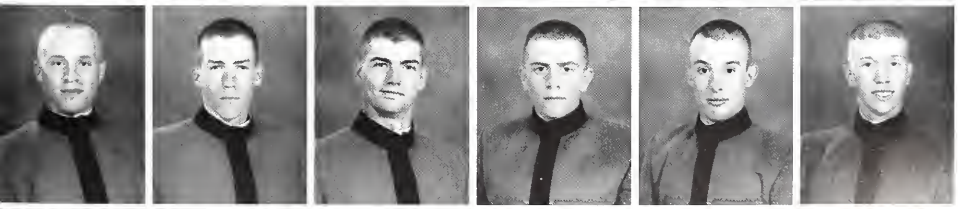

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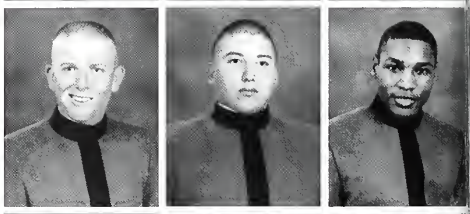

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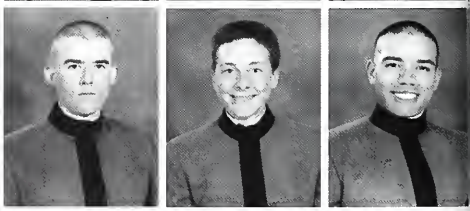

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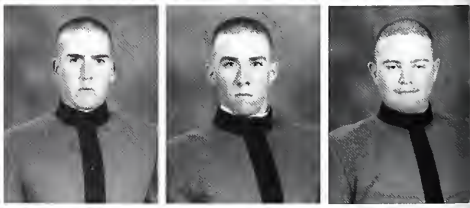

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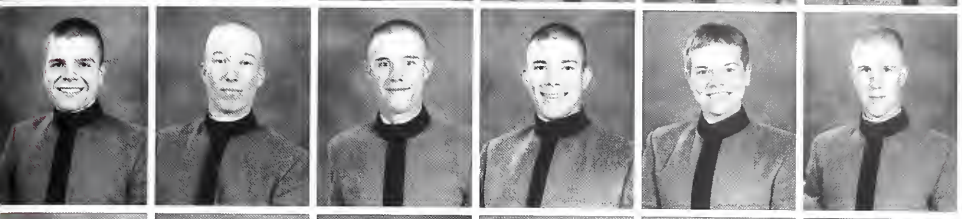

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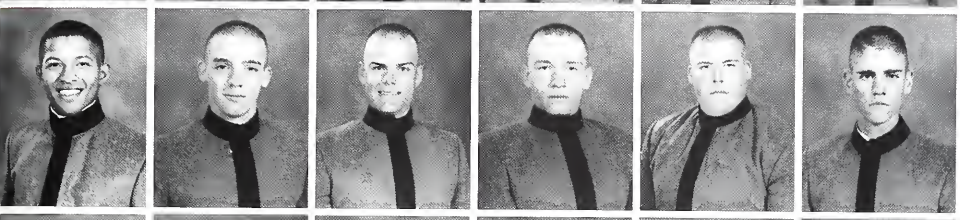

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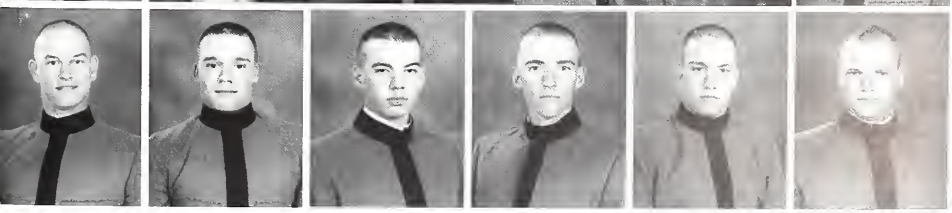

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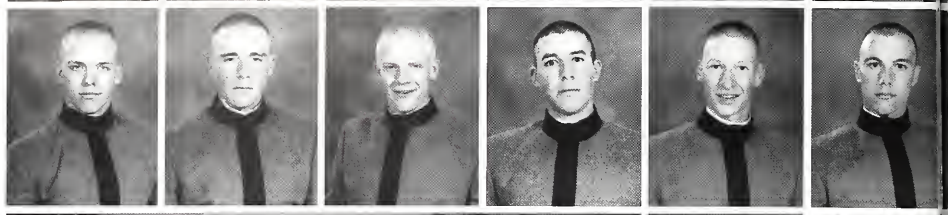

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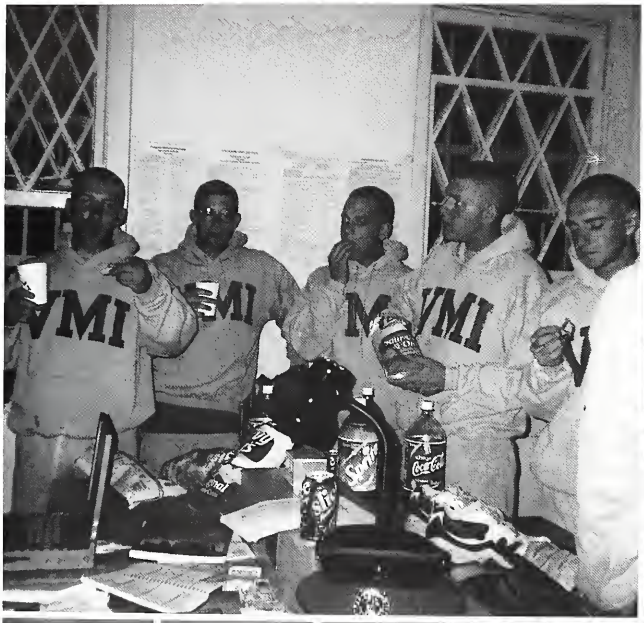

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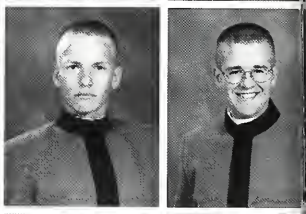

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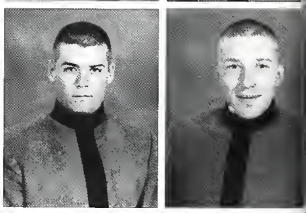

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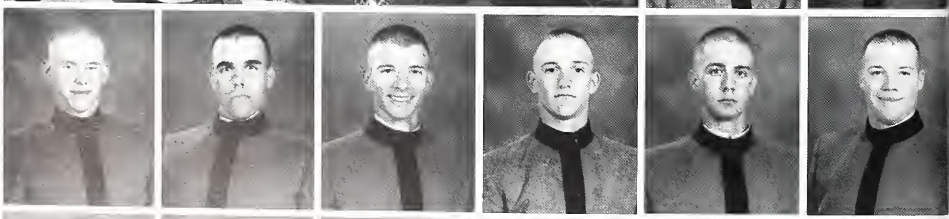

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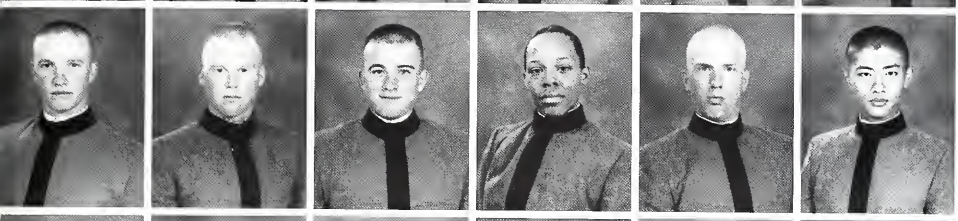

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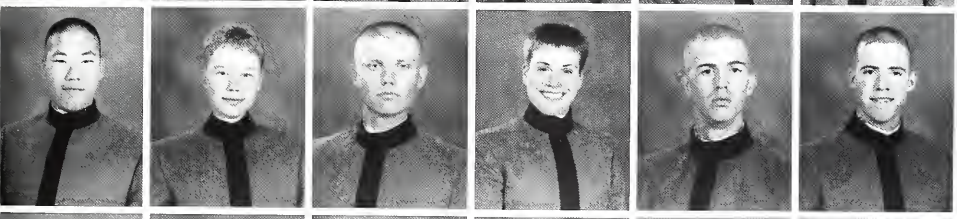

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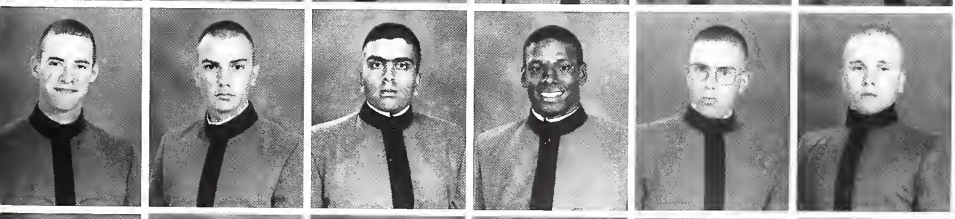

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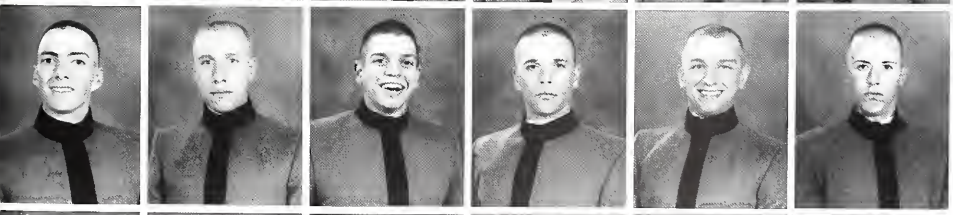

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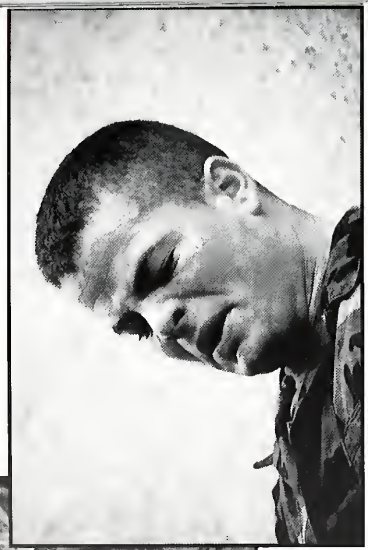

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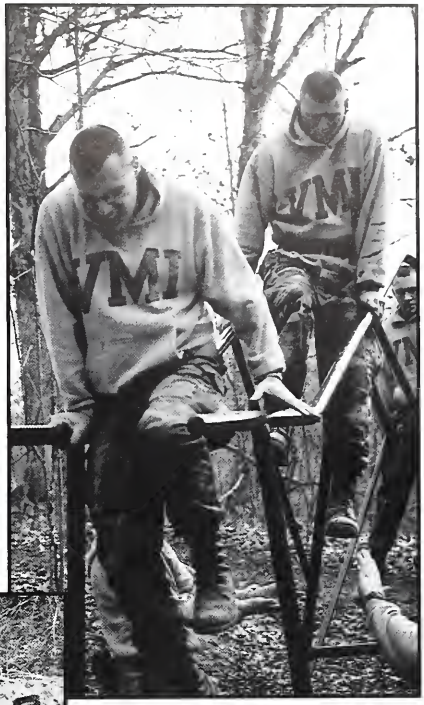

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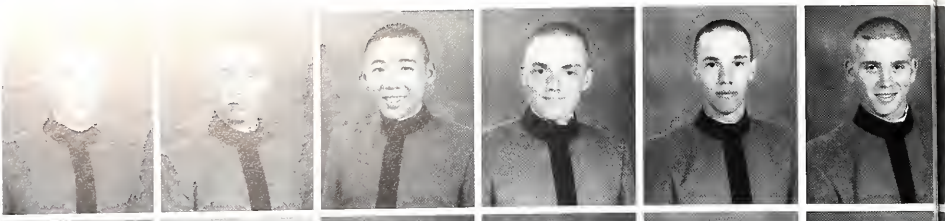

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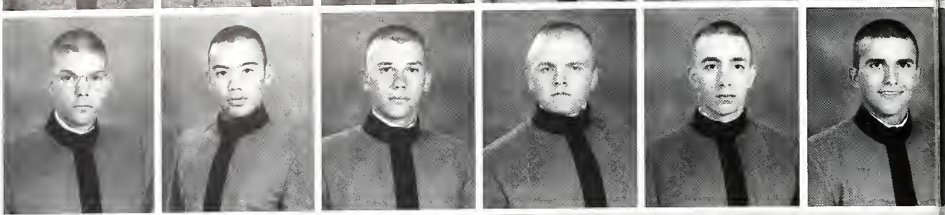

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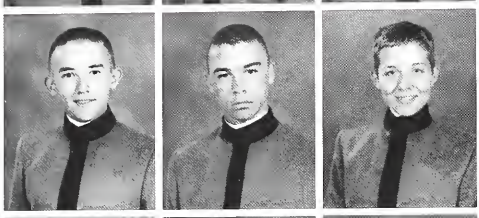

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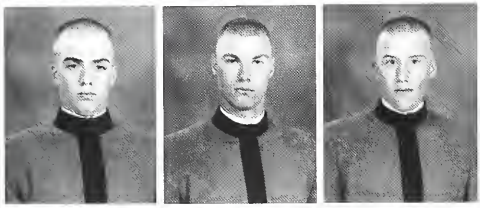

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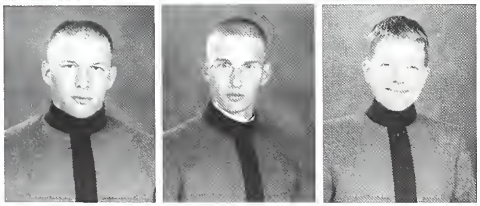

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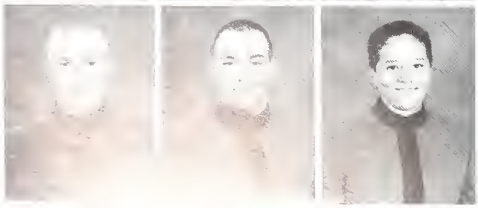

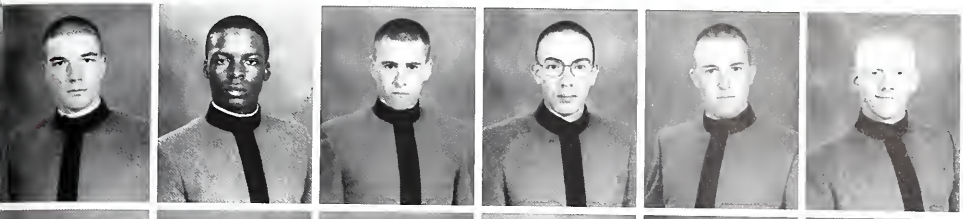

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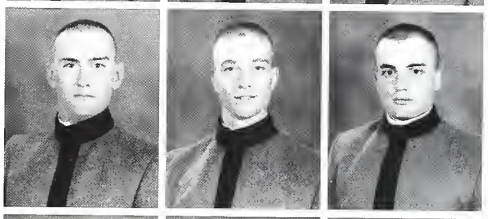

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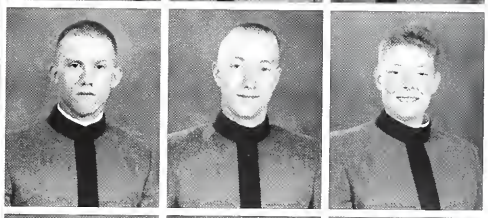

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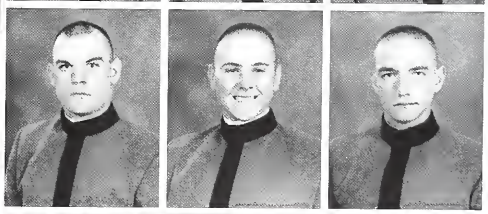

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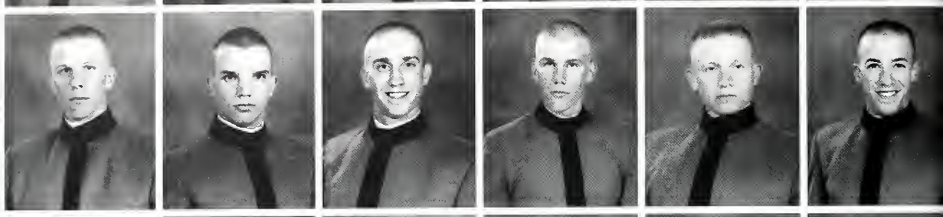

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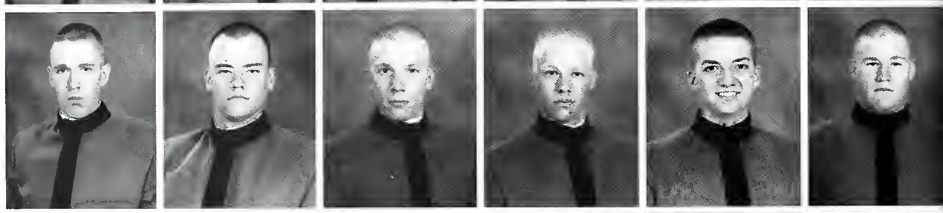

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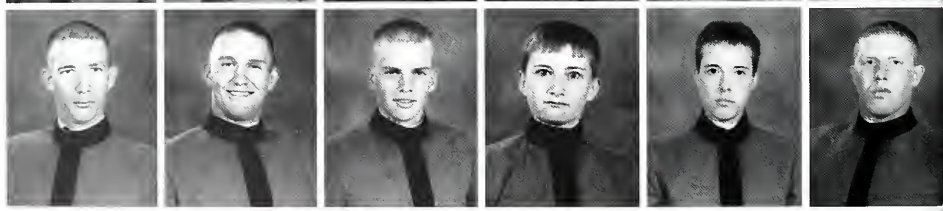

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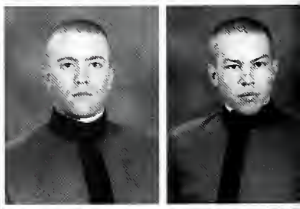

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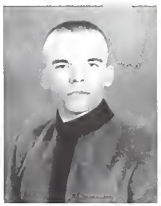

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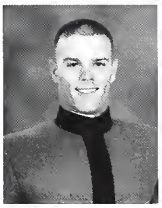

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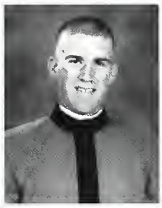

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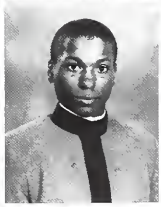

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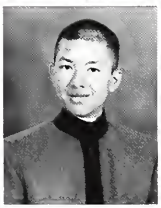

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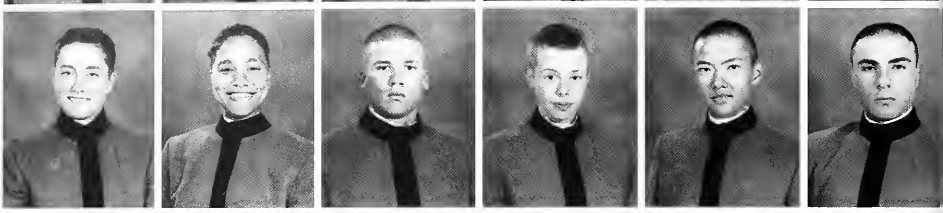

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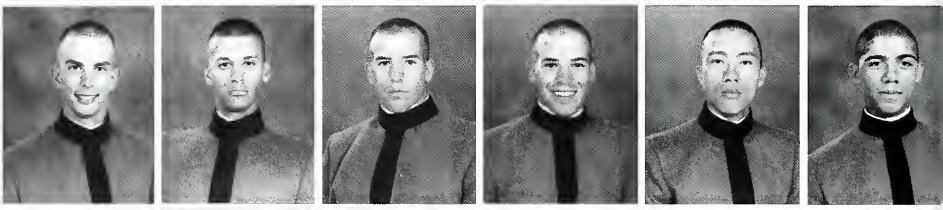

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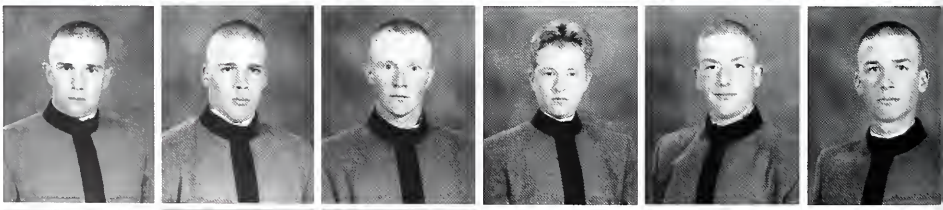

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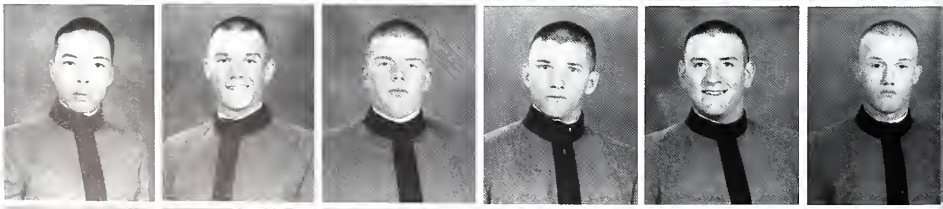

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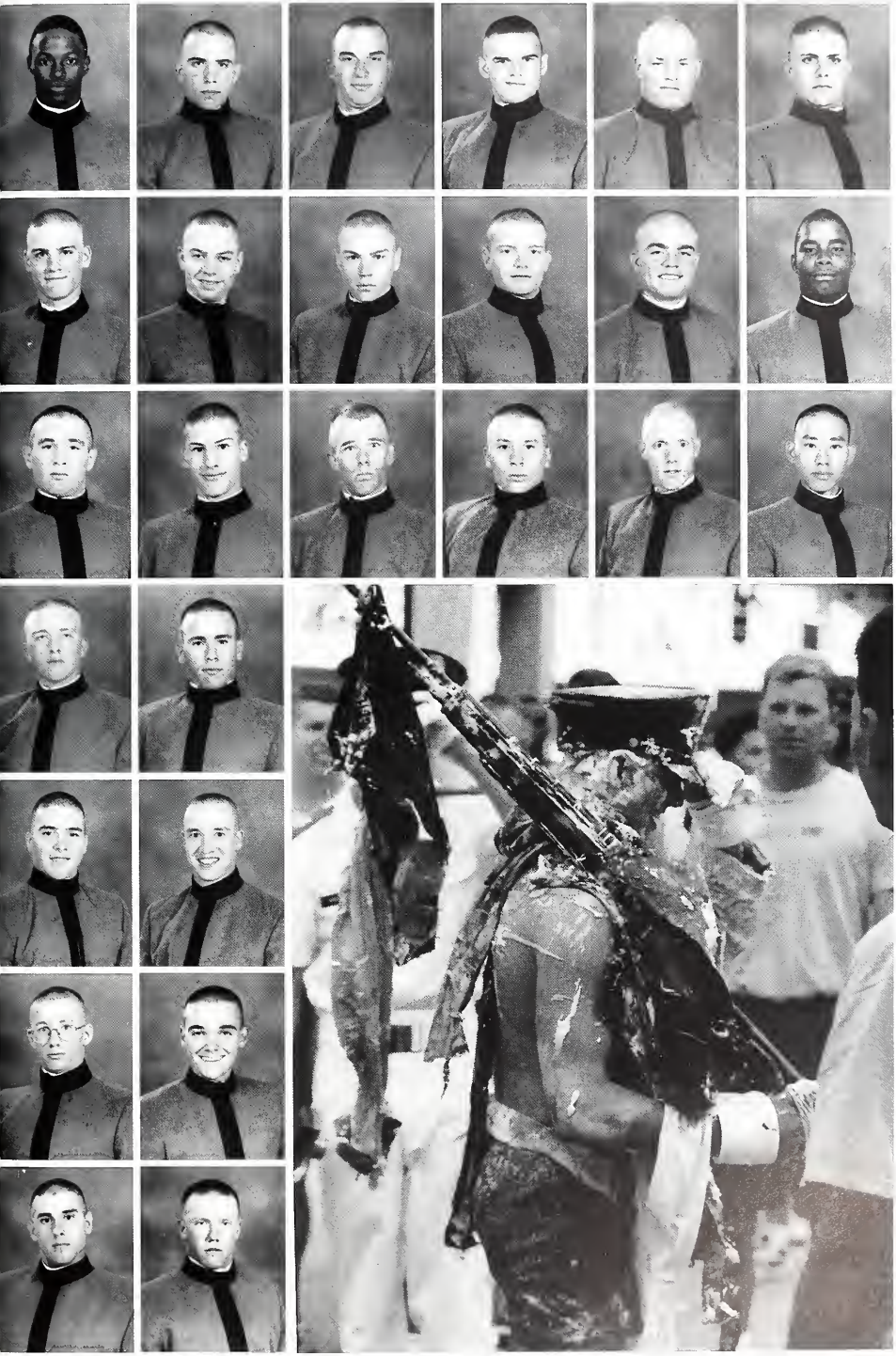

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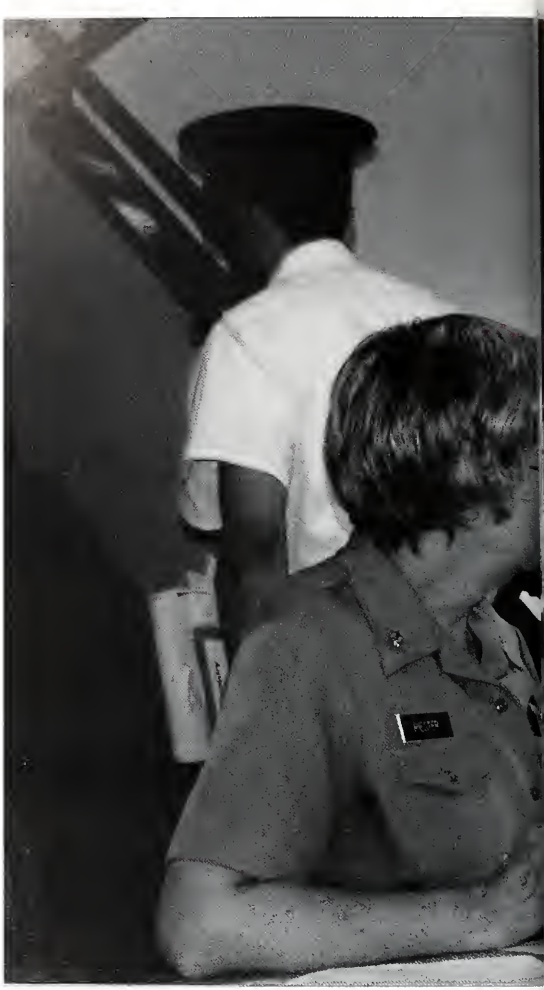

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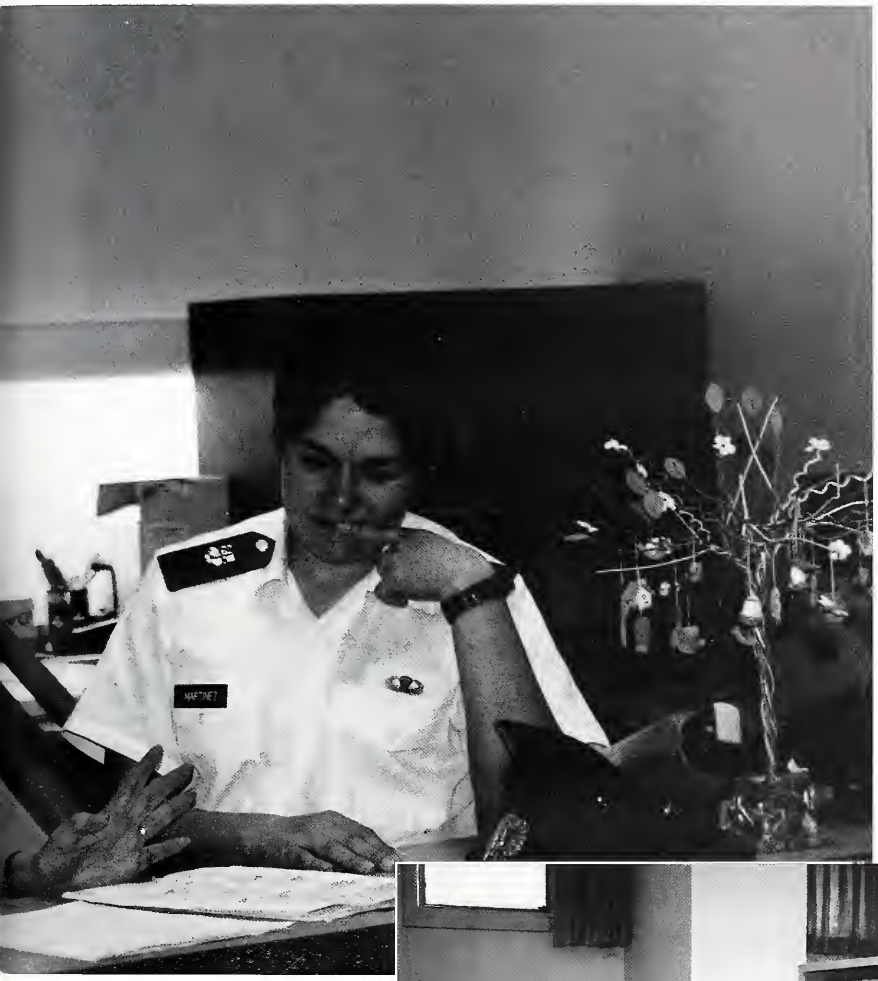

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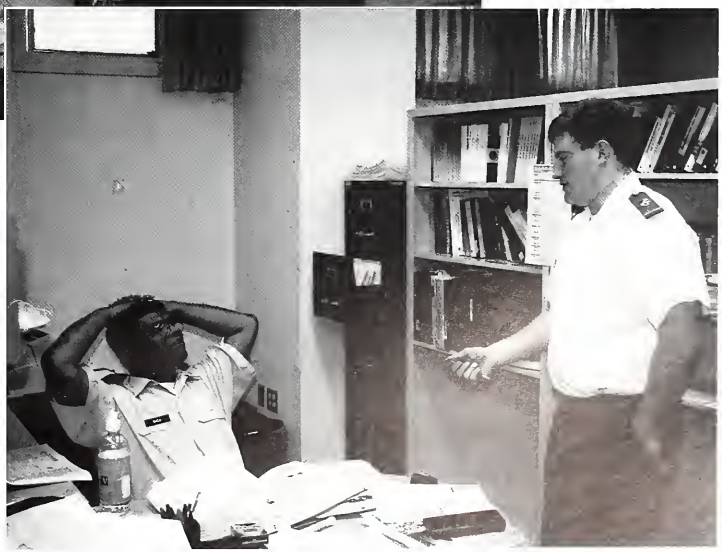

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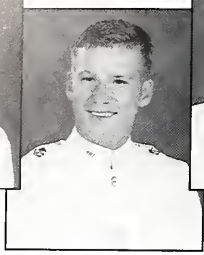
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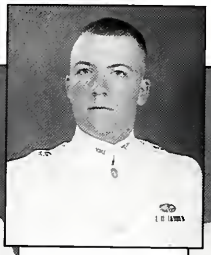
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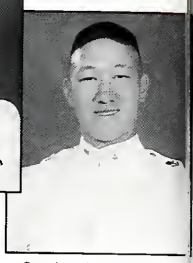
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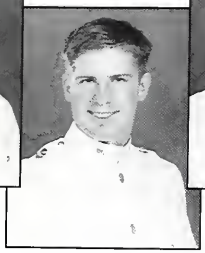
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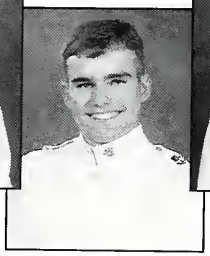
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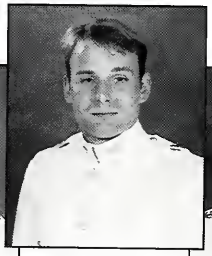
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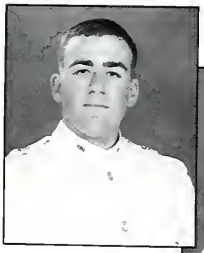
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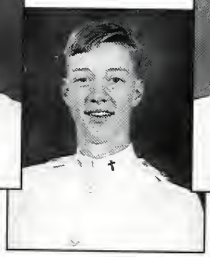
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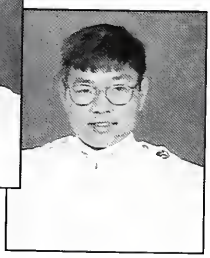
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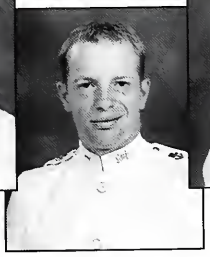
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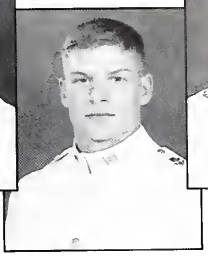
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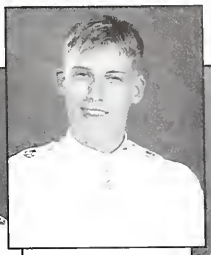
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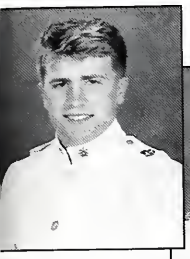
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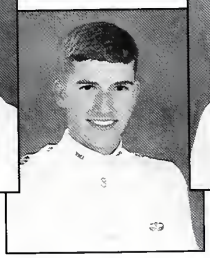
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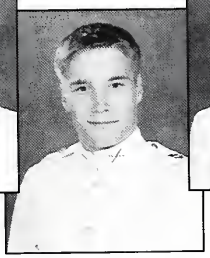
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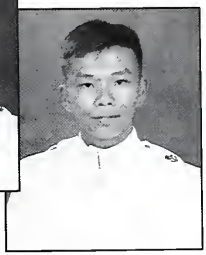
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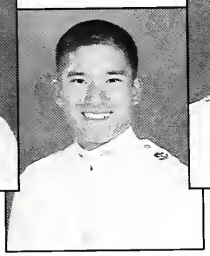
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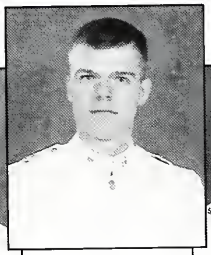
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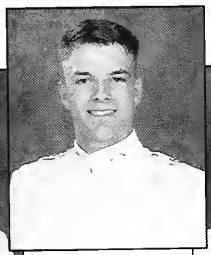
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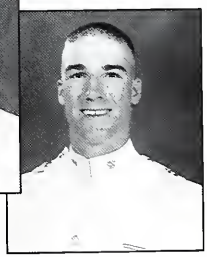
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During the summer months, while everyone else is in summer school, at the beach, or downing a few beers, select members of the VMI chemistry deparment are doing independent research. This research involves everything from analyzing the components in ant venom to finding a cure for cancer. Their research is a chance, for each of the students involved, to learn a little something extra other than what is taught in the classroom. This extra bit of knowledge obtained during the summer allows for students to excel academically during the school year as the experiences and enthusiasm for chemistry is carried from the independent research into the classroom. Even though VMI Research Laboratories mainly consists of VMI cadets, there are other individuals from other colleges such as Sweet Briar and W&L. Each of these students made an impact not just in the research but also in the hearts and minds of all those involved.

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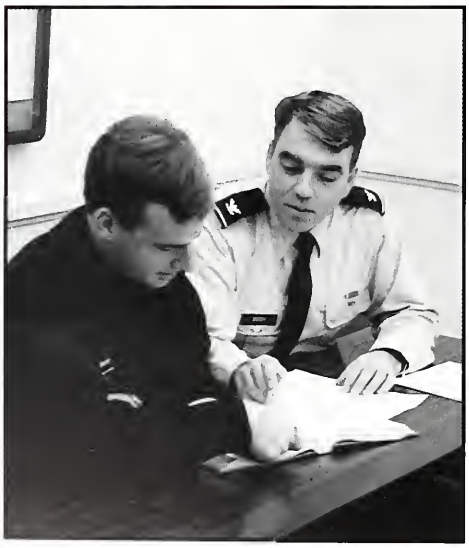

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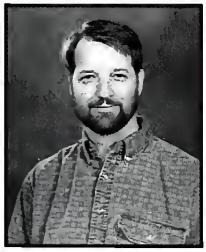

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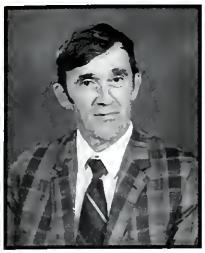

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Wane R. Schneiter
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Business and Economics

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"On to the club, the scene of savage joys, the school of course good fellowship and noise."

-William Couper

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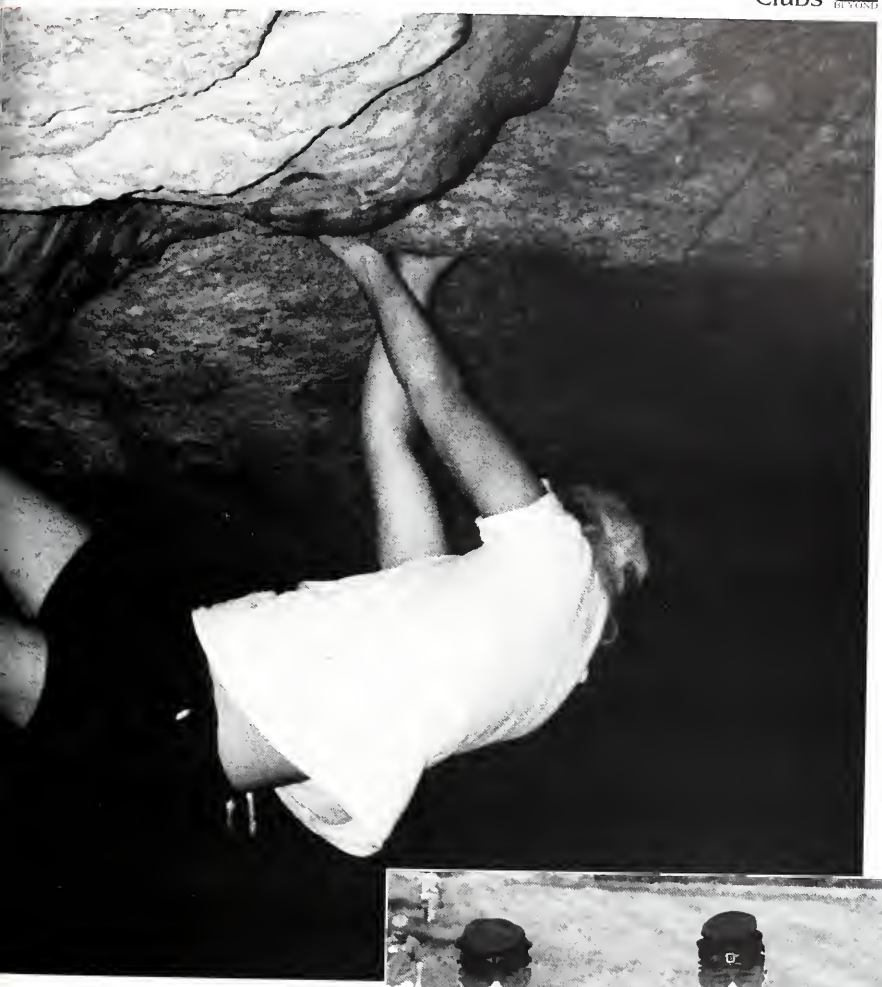

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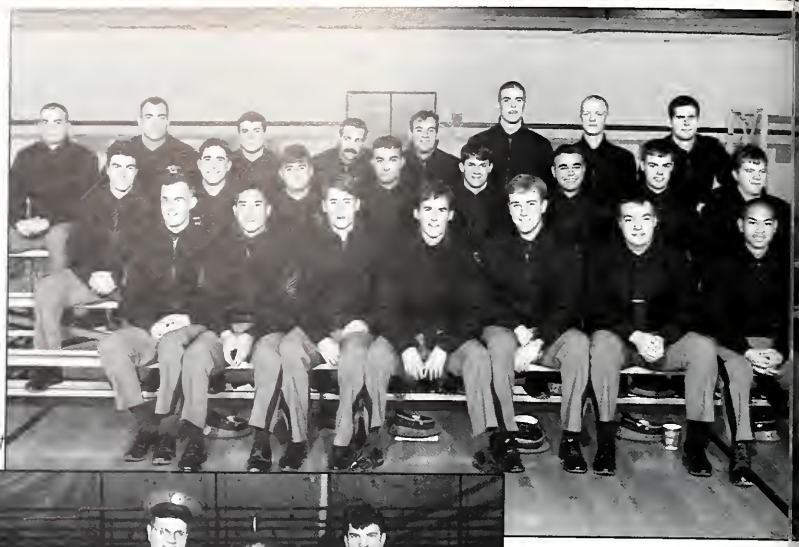
Boxing

Cadet Battery



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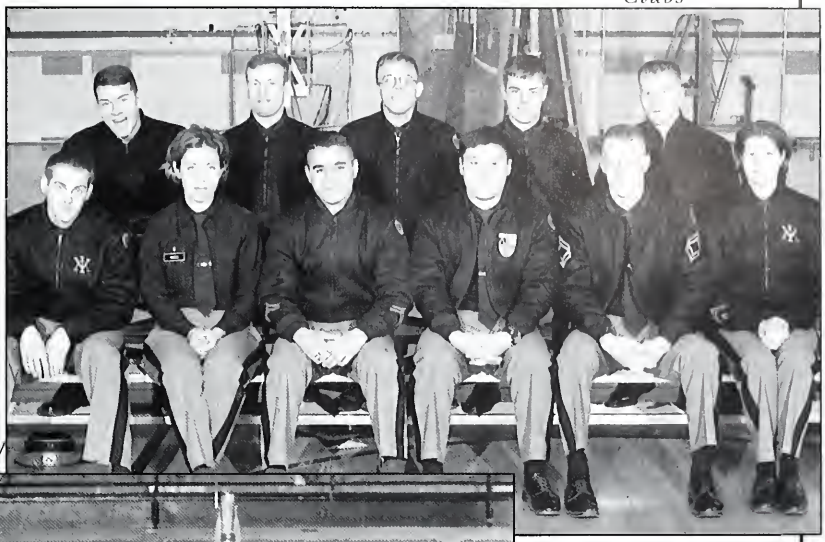

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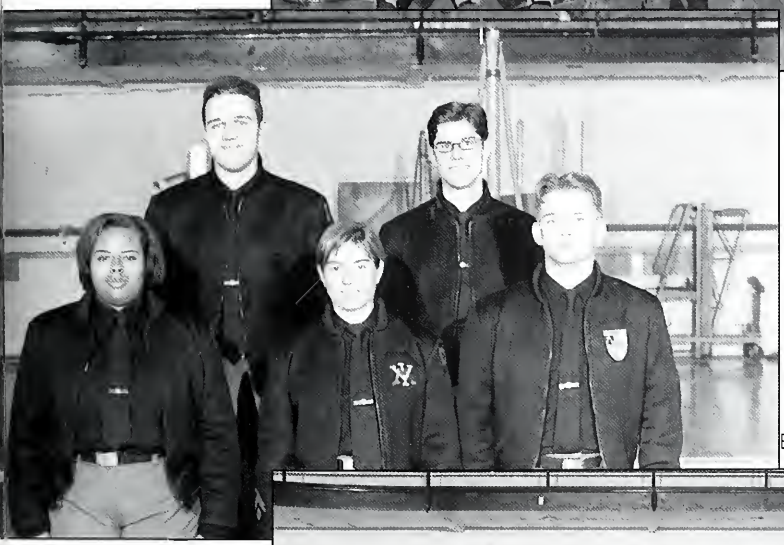

Equestrian Club

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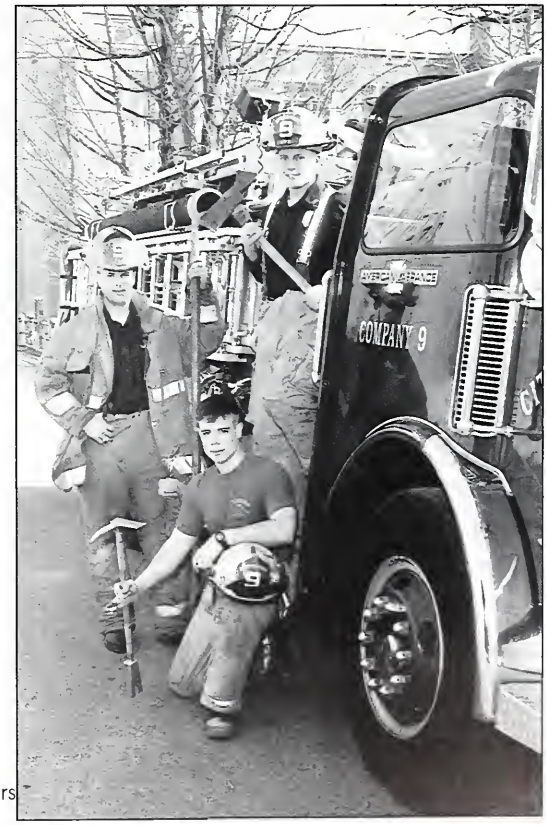
Marathon Club



Lexington Firefighters

Martial Arts

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Newman Club

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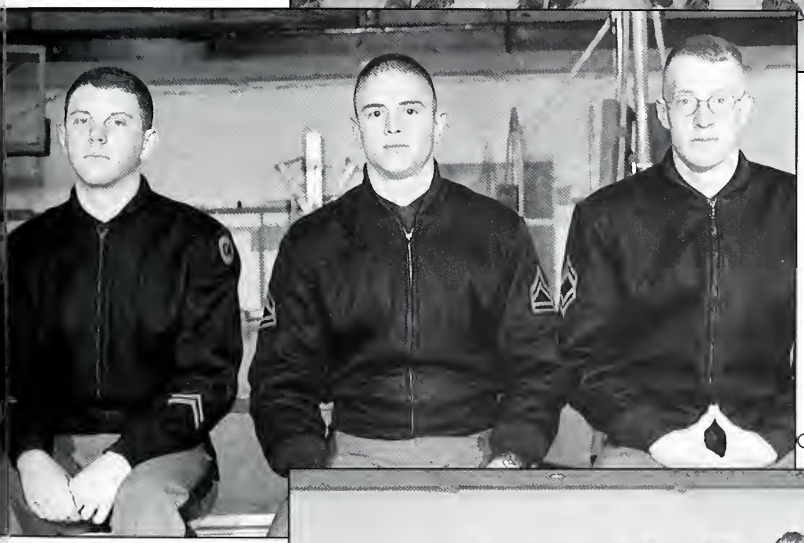

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Pistol Team

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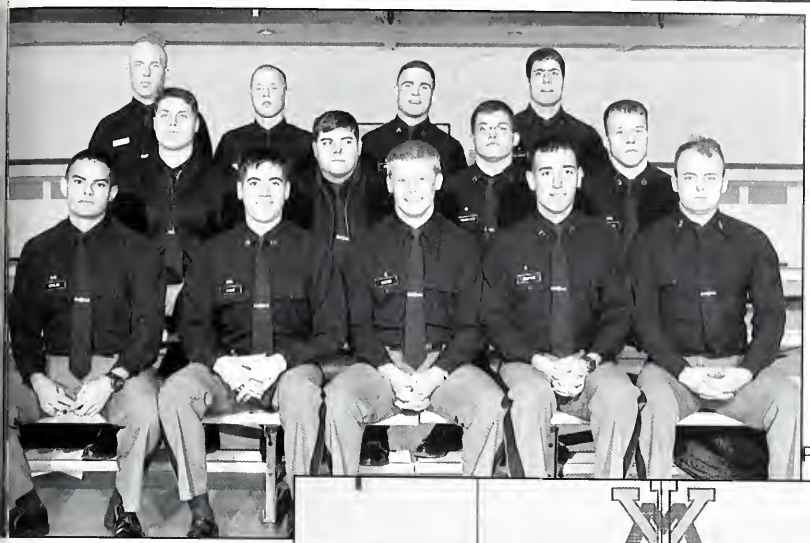

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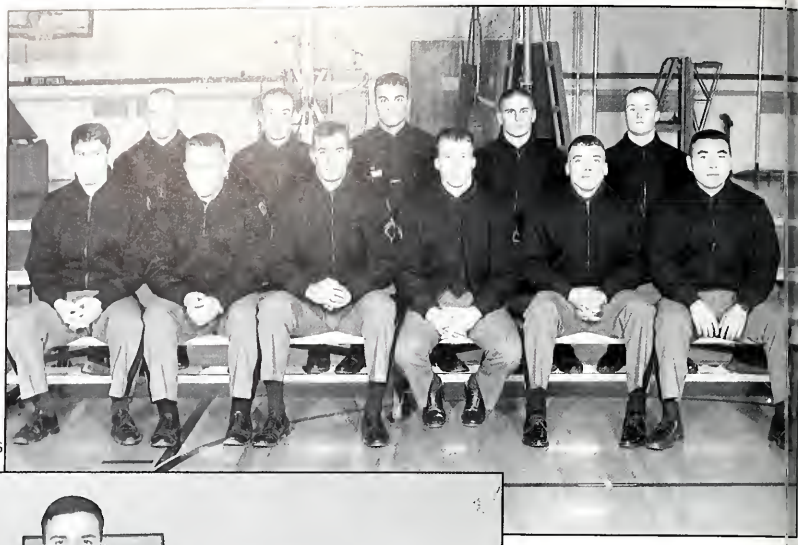

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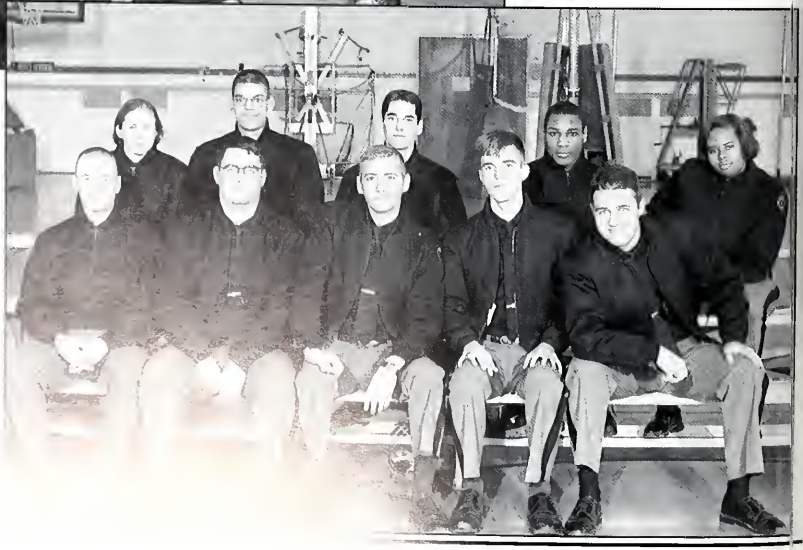

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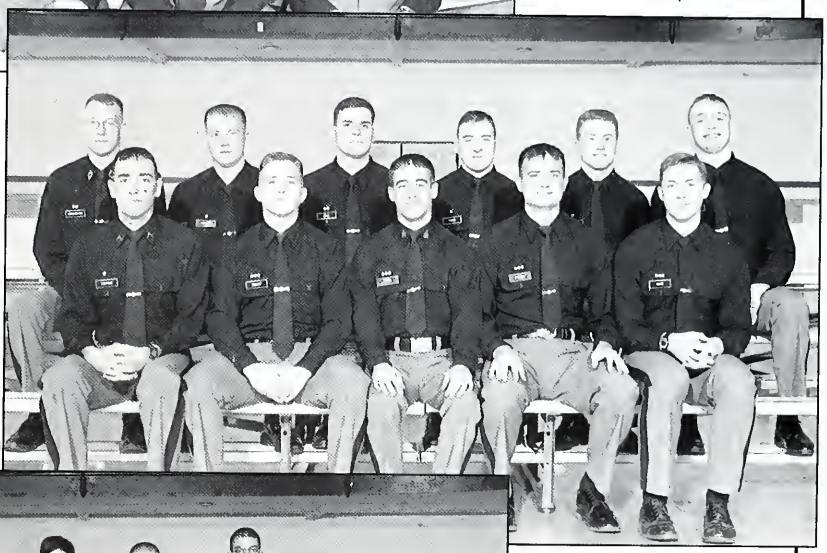


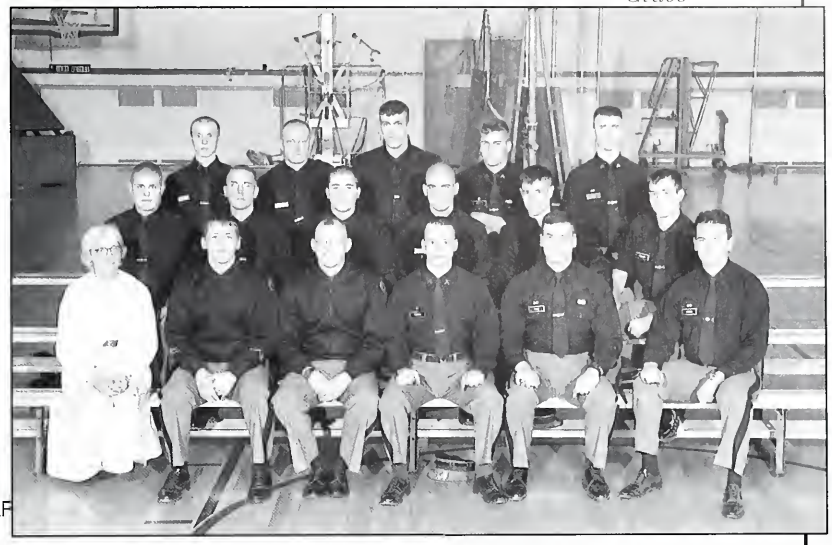
Triathlon

Trident Society

VA Historical Society

Volleyball

Water Polo



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White Water

"Thou shalt not covet, but tradition approves all forms of competition."

-A. H. Clough

ABOVE AND BEYOND THE COMPETITION

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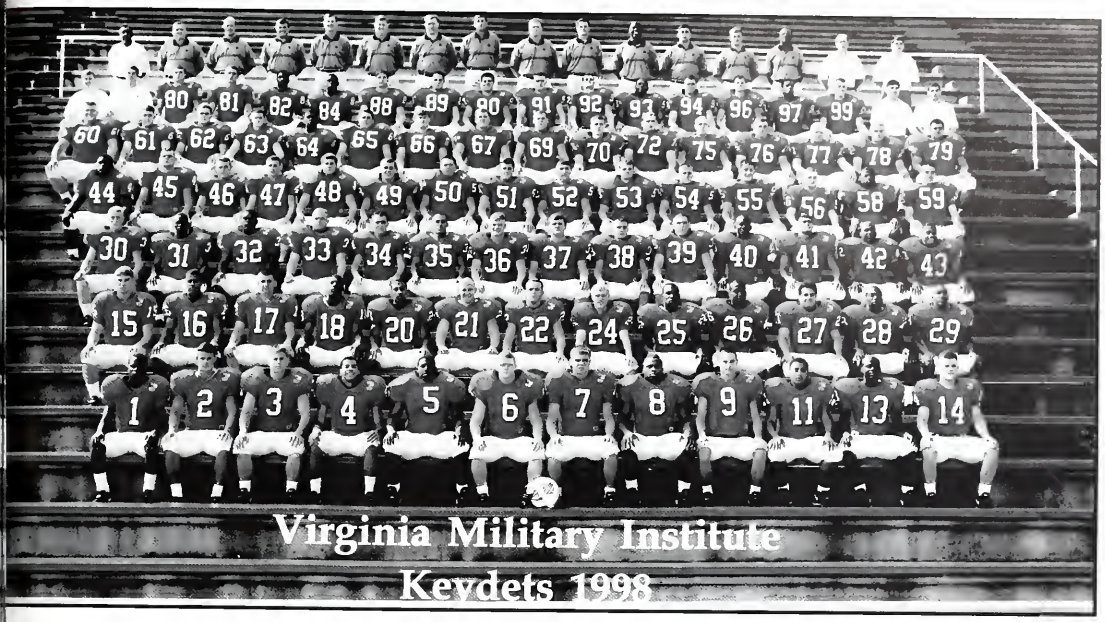
FOOTBALL

Lenoir - Rhyne	W	26 - 07
William & Mary	L	0 - 49
East Tenn. State	L	8 - 44
Furman	L	14 - 51
Georgia Southern	L	7 - 63
Wofford	L	20 - 42
Chattanooga	L	7 - 45
Morehead State	L	38 - 41
Western Carolina	L	17 - 39
App. State	L	0 - 51
The Citadel	L	10 - 36



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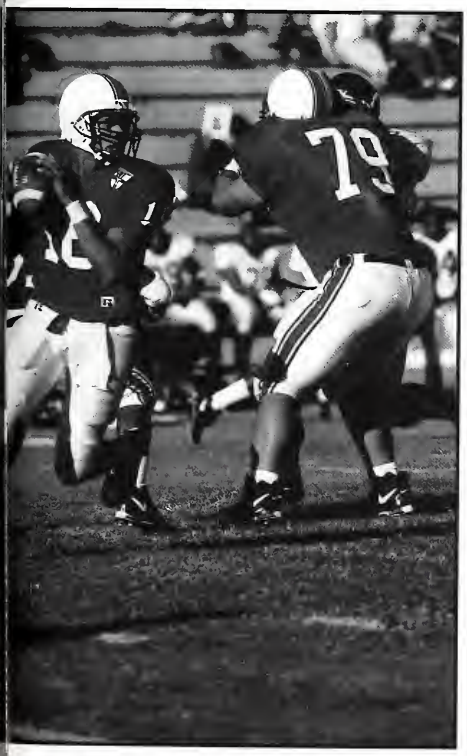

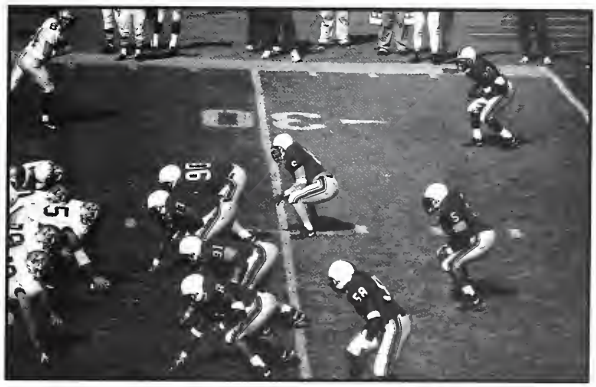

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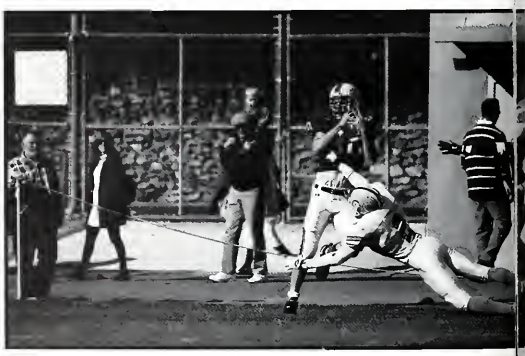

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Soccer

Western Kentucky	L	1 - 6
Bucknell	W	2 - 1
Radford	L	0 - 3
Western Michigan	L	1 - 3
Miami	L	3 - 4
St. Fancis	L	1 - 3
Liberty	L	1 - 2
Citadel	L	0 - 3
Georgia Southern	L	0 - 6
App. State	L	1 - 4
Col. of Charleston	L	1 - 2
Davidson	L	0 - 4
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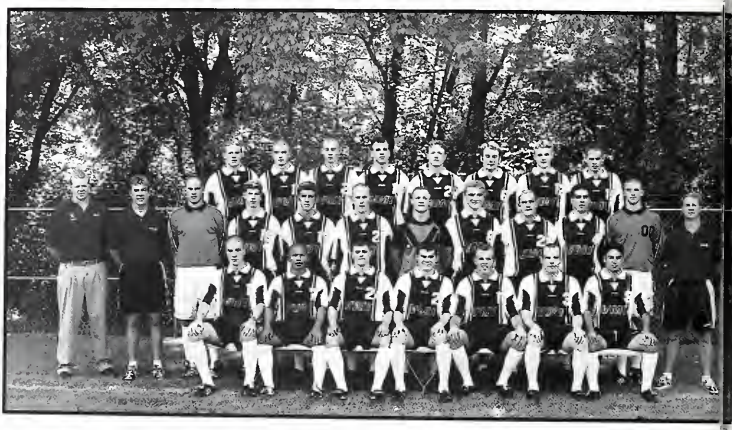
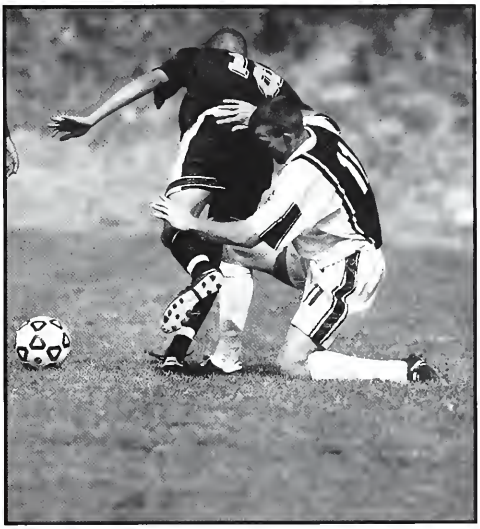
UNC Greensboro	L	0 - 9
Wofford	L	1 - 3
Furman	L	0 - 2





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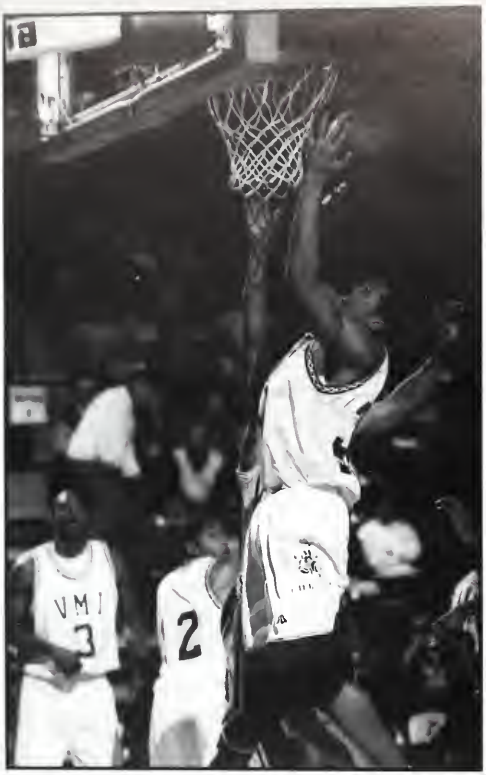

Elon	L	84 - 85
Penn State	L	66 - 90
Old Dominion	L	69 - 103
Wake Forest	L	61 - 75
Elon	L	69 - 70
Randolph - Macon	W	81 - 55
UNC Greensboro	W	86 - 84
UNC Charlotte	L	57 - 92
Shenandoah	W	90 - 53
Virginia	L	64 - 82
East Tenn. State	W	58 - 55
Davidson	L	64 - 85
App. State	L	64 - 100
Western Carolina	W	91 - 72
Georgia Southern	W	65 - 59
Wofford	W	58 - 56
Western Carolina	W	85 - 73
Davidson	L	66 - 76
Southern Virginia	W	85 - 67
Furman	L	51 - 84
The Citadel	W	74 - 72
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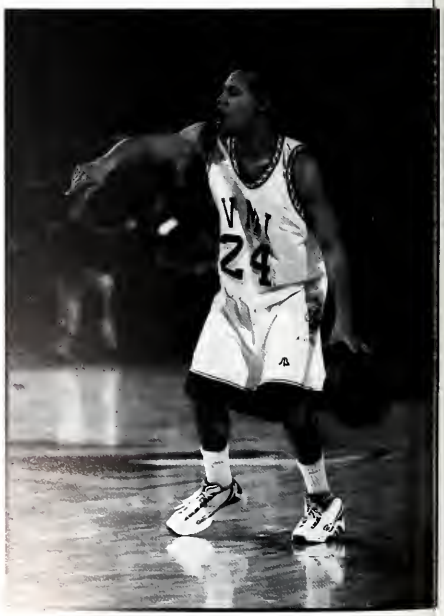
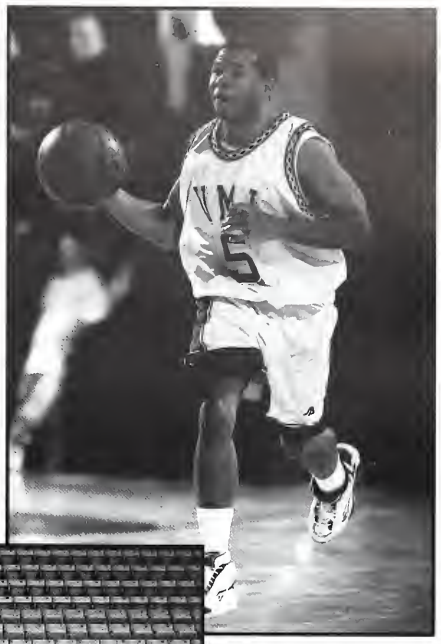
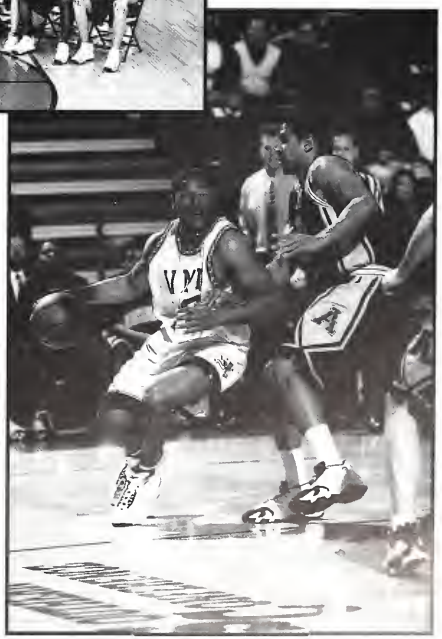
App. State	L	65 - 83
UNC Greensboro	W	82 - 67
Chattanooga	W	73 - 57







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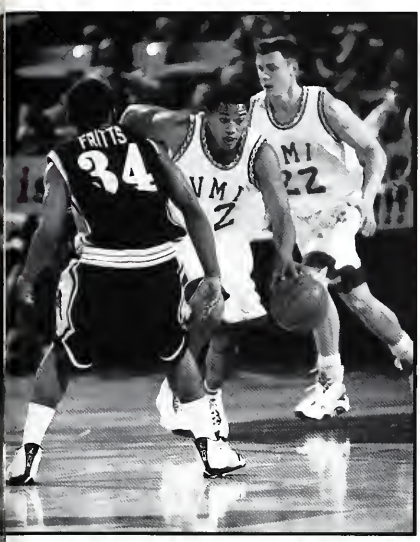
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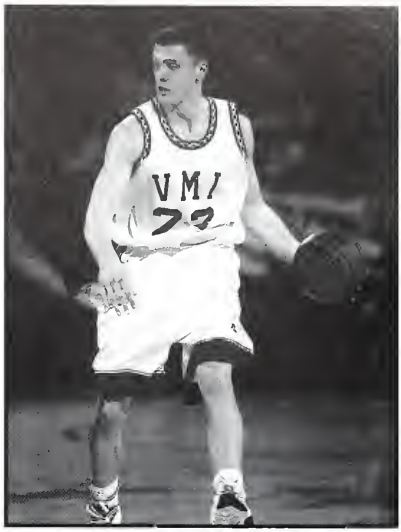
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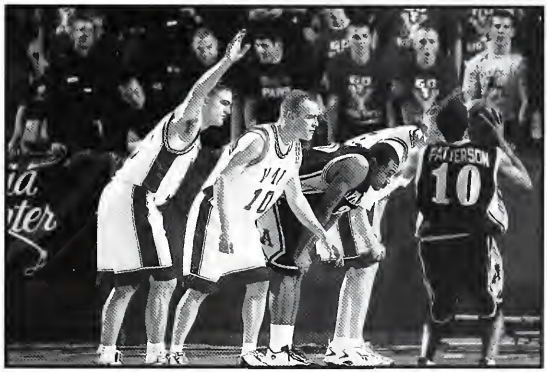
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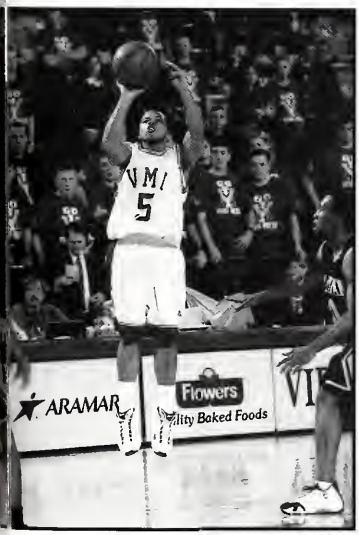
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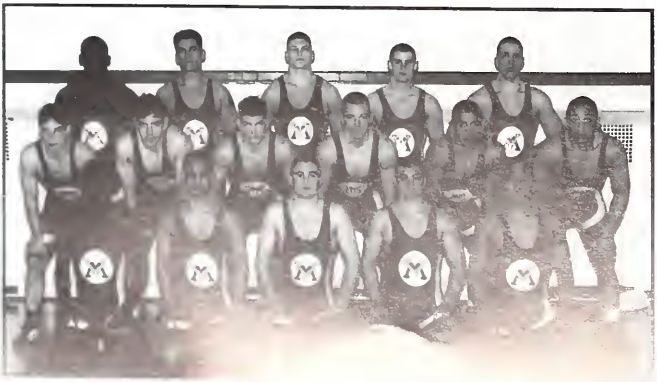
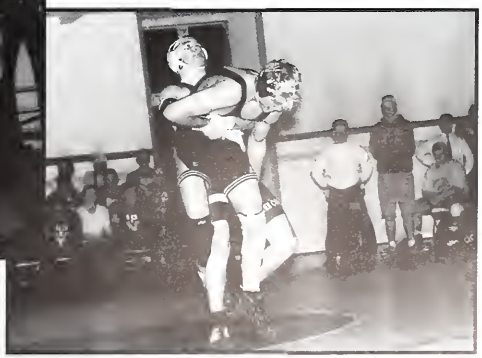
WRESTLING

Keydet Invitational		
Bloomsburg Invitational		4 of 7
Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invt.		19 of 43
Virginia	L	14 - 24
Midlands Championships		27 of 55
Old Dominion Quadrangular		
Old Dominion	L	10 - 27
Drexel	L	10 - 21
Duke	W	31 - 09
James Madison	W	31 - 12
Virginia Tech Triangular		
Virginia Tech	W	
Davidson	W	
George Mason	W	
The Virginia Intercollegiate		3 of 8
The Citadel	W	19 - 18
All - Academy Championships		3 of 8
UNC Greensboro	W	19 - 16
App. State	W	33 - 03
Chattanooga	L	11 - 25
Southern Conf. Championships		3 of 6





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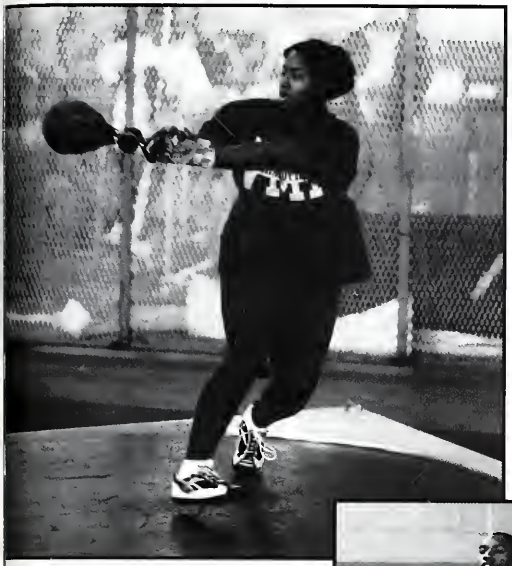

RIFLE

DePaul	W	5683 - 4774
Penn State	W	4283 - 3110
NC State	L	5683 - 5689
Morehead State	L	5749 - 5815 (men)
Morehead State	L	5749 - 5816 (women)
Xavier	L	5749 - 6068
Kentucy Invitational		17 of 25
Walsh Invitational		17 of 22
Wentworth	W	5663 - 5312
MIT	W	5663 - 5606
Navy	L	5713 - 6038
Army	L	5622 - 5875
Norwich	L	5622 - 6108
Villanova	W	4419 - 3160
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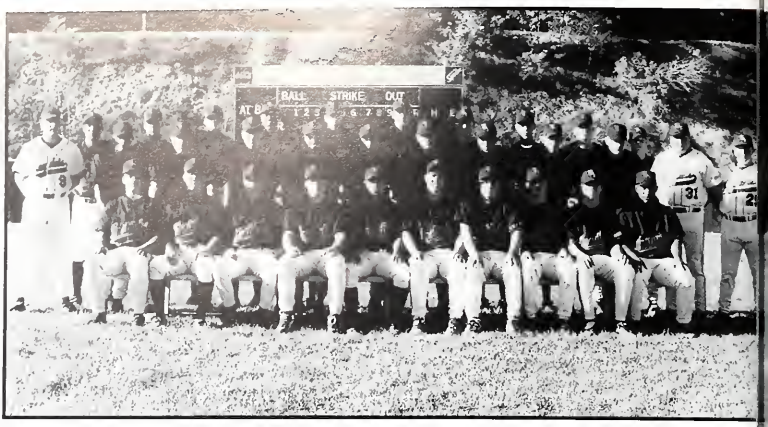
Merchant Marine	L	5622 - 5804
NRA Rifle Sectionals		2 of 3
Virginia	W	4241 - 1989

RUGBY

BASEBALL



Col. of Charleston	L	4 - 11
Col. of Charleston	W	9 - 8
Davidson	W	11 - 5
Davidson	W	10 - 5
Furman	L	2 - 5
Furman	W	7 - 6
Richmond	L	7 - 14
Mount St. Mary's	W	24 - 9
Mount St. Mary's	W	21 - 5
Mount St. Mary's	W	6 - 3
The Citadel	L	4 - 17
The Citadel	L	4 - 8
I.U.P.U.I	W	14 - 3
East Tenn. State	W	7 - 6
App. State	W	6 - 4
App. State	L	16 - 19
Brown	W	!2 - 11
Wofford	W	12 - 10
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Georgia Southern	W	13 - 10
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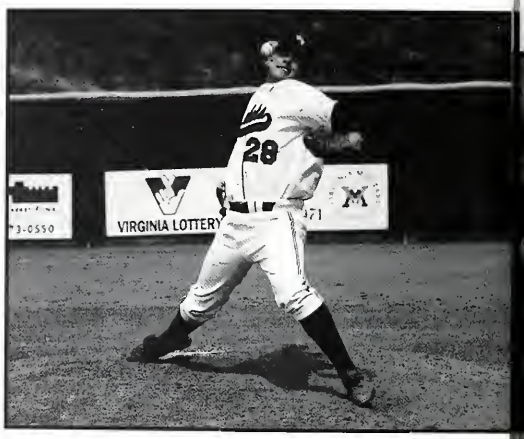
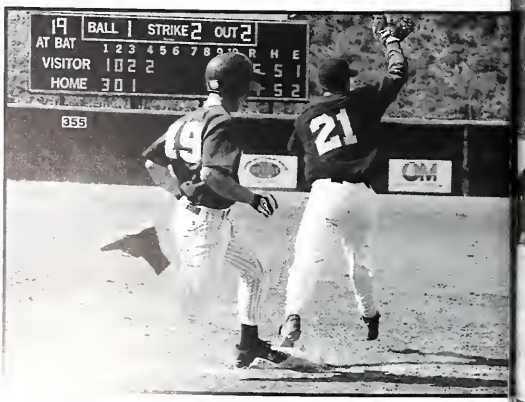
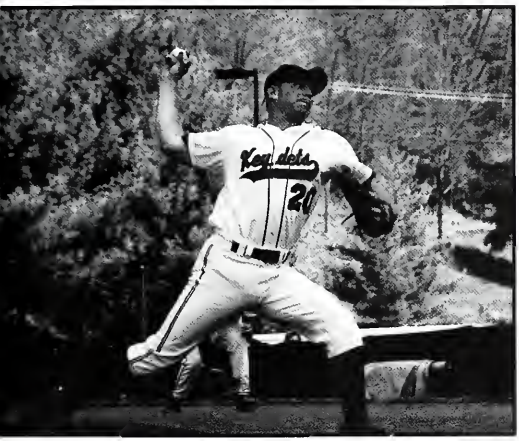
Western Carolina	L	5 - 18
UNC Greensboro	W	2 - 1



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LACROSSE

Limestone	L	8 - 10
Quinnipiac	W	10 - 8
Lafayette	L	9 - 11
Manhattan	W	14 - 8
Drexel	L	6 - 16
Air Force	L	4 - 5
Mount St. Mary's	L	10 - 16
Marist	W	7 - 6
Siena	W	14 - 10
Radford	L	9 - 10
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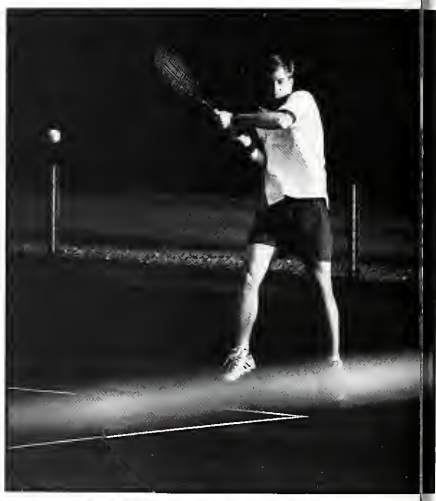

Univ. of DC	W	7 - 2	East Tenn. State	L	1 - 6
Emory & Henry	W	6 - 1	Chattanooga	L	0 - 7
Washington & Lee	L	1 - 6	Davis & Elkins	W	6 - 1
Lynchburg	W	7 - 0	Furman	L	0 - 7
Fairmont State	W	6 - 1	Guilford College	W	6 - 1
Georgia Southern	L	0 - 7	Mary Washington	L	2 - 5
The Citadel	L	0 - 7	Davidson	L	0 - 7
UNC Greensboro	L	0 - 7	Liberty	L	3 - 4
Appalachian State	L	0 - 7	Mount St. Mary	L	3 - 4
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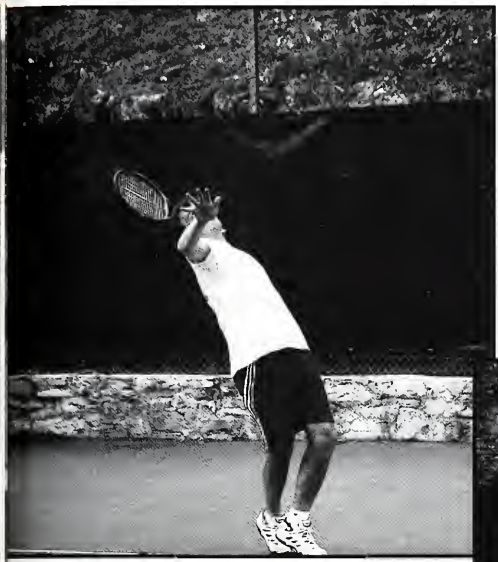

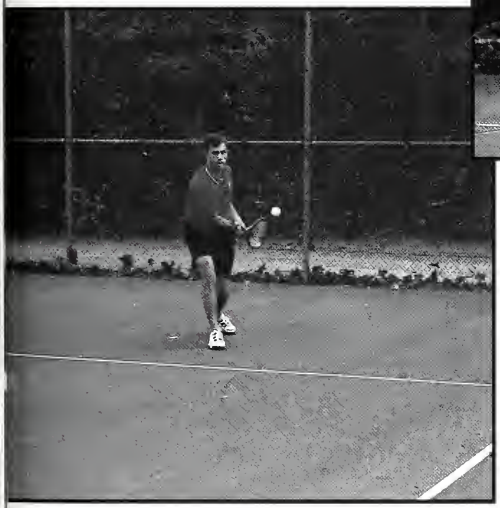

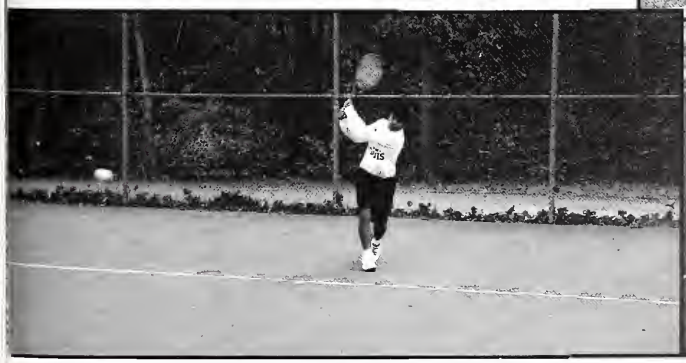

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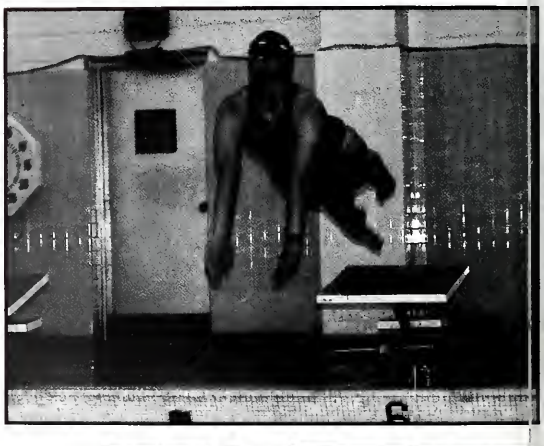

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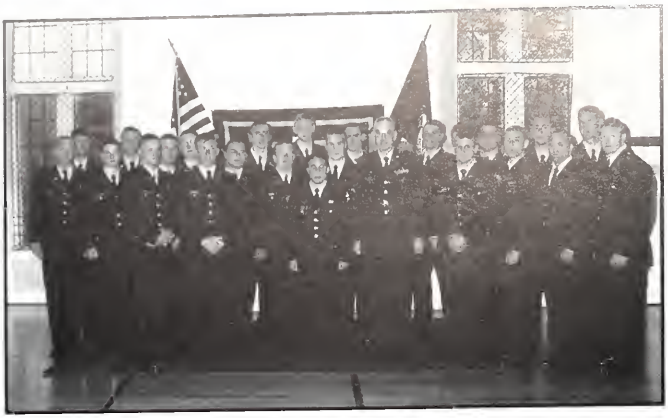

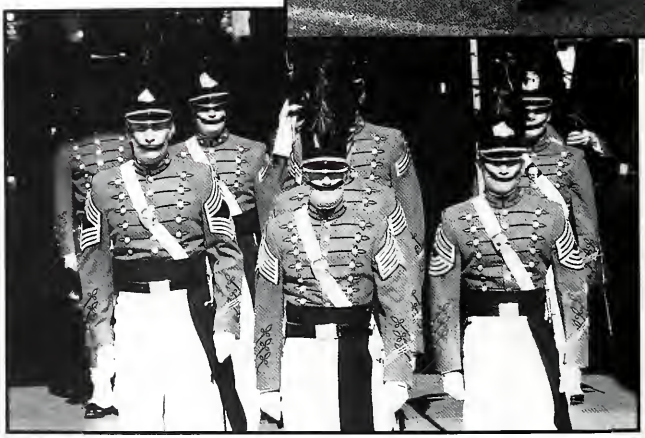

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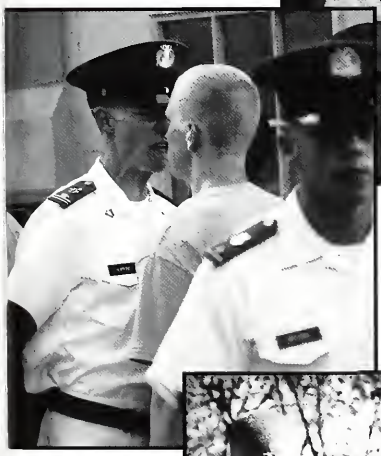

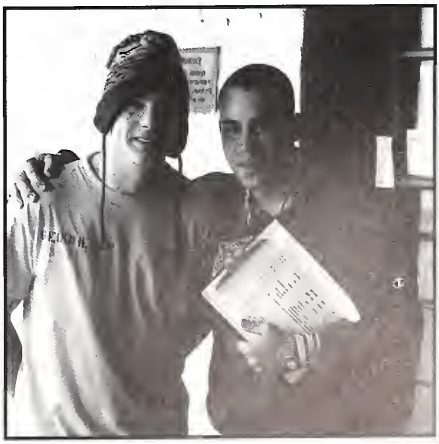

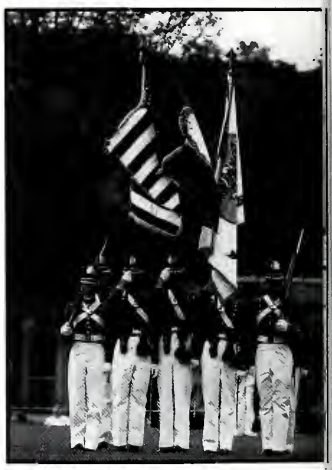

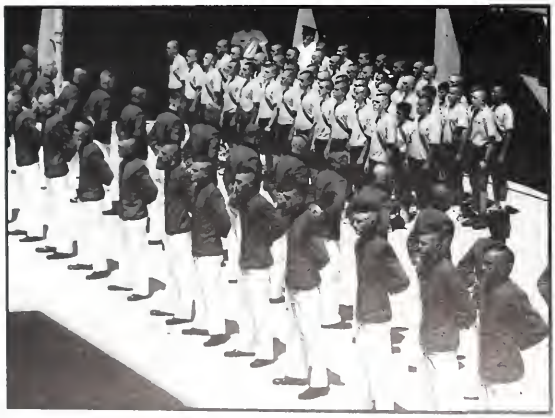

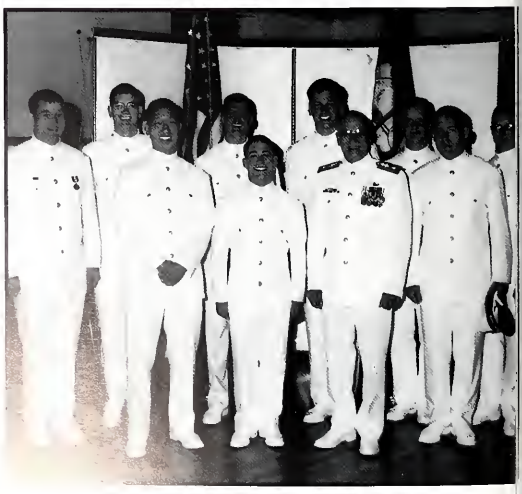

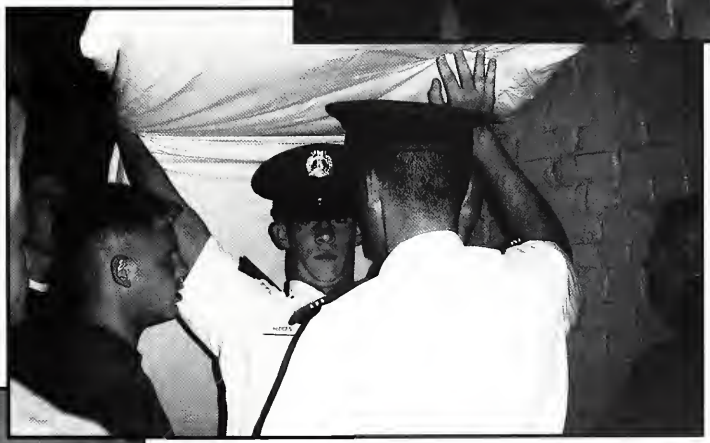

Jonathan,
I always knew you were special and would reach whatever you decided you wanted to do.

God Bless You,
Mom

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CONGRATULATIONS

Cadet Thomas Collins
We are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Mary, and Stephen

Cadet William H. Dorsey
VMI '99

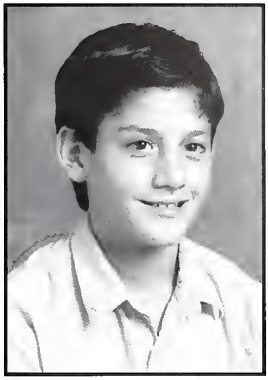
Life Verse- Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall recieve the crown life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.
James 1:12

Congratulations son!
We are proud of you.

God be with you at USAF flight school.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Drew

Soaring To New Heights

Congratulations
Aaron Bush
From
Your Proud Family

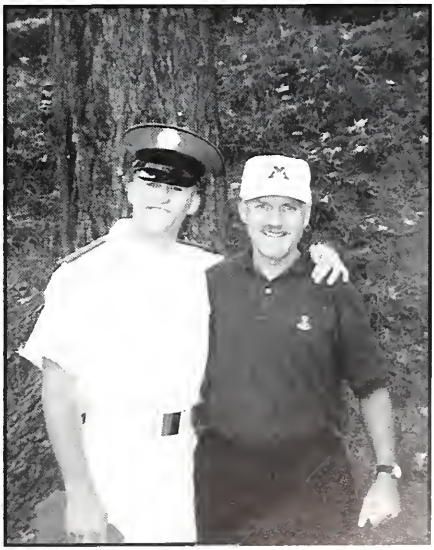


Congratulations!
Dale Durlach

From Then till Now your accomplishments have only been exceeded by your determination. We are all so very proud of you.

Love Always,
Mom, dad, Darren, Lee, Marie, Brittany, Grandma + Grandpa, Sullivan and all the family. (also Michael + Dobie)

Congratulations to the Class of '99
Way To Go John!
Dad, Susan, Elizabeth, and Ben



Look out Germany, here comes 2d Lt. Wilcox.
Soon to be heard on the streets of Bavaria:
Hey fraulein, would you like to hear some cool tunes on my bagpipes?
I thought you wanted a new Bimmer,: did you decide on a Humvee instead?

Congratulations to
Eric, Billy & Anthony

and the Class
Of 1999!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations To Cadet Willis P. Tatterson

For successfully completing
four years at "The Institute."
You have survived all that
was
given to you with honor.
Go forth and conquer the
world
with that VMI SPIRIT!!!
Much Love
From Your Family

To John D. Bolt, VMI '99--

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face...
And may God hold you in the palm of His hand.
- Old Gaelic Blessing

Congratulations on your achievements,
from your proud parents
and loving family.

Congratulations to Thomas N. Cruz
Class of 1999...
You have travelled a sometimes long
and difficult road these past four years.
You have achieved much more than we
could ever have hoped. You have made
us proud!

Love, Mom and Dad

Bryant D. Harrison
Class of 2002

Bursting with promise for the future.

Rat no longer.

Yearning to excel.

Aggressively striving for achievement.

Never a nay to responsibility nor another.

Totally VMI.

Love,
Mom, Bret, Grams

Jamie, where were you headed in your little red wagon? You have been a real joy in our lives. We are very proud of your accomplishments.

Love,
Daddy, Mama, Lacey
Greg, April, & Allison

Cadet Stephen M. Roman-

In recognition of your accomplishments, may we say Congratulations! With each milestone you pass, our pride in you grows. You have now perservered and endured three grueling years of VMI cadetship with diligence, hard work, and honor. Along the way, you took rathood in stride, achieved academic and military honors with the dean's list and the Golden saber, earned Airborne wings, carted home innumerable power-lifting trophies, and now sport a class of 2000 VMI ring (as do we, thanks to your thoughtfulness)

We remain ready to encourage and support you in any way we can through your VMI experience, and beyond.

With love, re[illegible]
Mom and Dad Co[illegible] eet Pea"

Seaton,

It's Hard to believe how fast the time has passed between the Ratline and Ring Figure. Fast for me, but probably too slowly for you. You've done your job well. It's Been a pleasure to see you take the challenge, meet it, and accomplish as much as you have. We've enjoyed sharing the experience to the extent we are able to and hope we can continue to do so.

We are much more than proud of you and will continue to keep you in our prayers. We love you.

When all is said and done, we would just like you to know that we never doubted for one minute that you would do well. We know you're not on the easiest road in life, but you must realize that it is what you wanted and that makes it worth the struggle. Go forward with pride.

With much love,
Mummuh, Charlie, Jesse,
and all of us.

Congratulations Dracula, alias Jared Lapp, for successfully completing your Rat Year. Another step forward toward your goal. (Phil. 3:12-16)

Our support and prayers are with you always.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Joel Christenson,

Keep your dream in sight, your ideals in front of you and you will touch the stars.

You are loved,
Mom, Dad, and Peter

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU,
LOVE, MOM, DAD, SCOTT & DOUG

We all love you,
Charlie, Mom
Dad, Anita
Alana
Papa, Maryjane
And family

WORDS CAN NOT EXPRESS HOW PROUD WE ARE OF OUR YOUNG BRAVE WHO HAS TURNED INTO A FINE YOUNG MAN

Dear Ewic (Eric),

Well Someone in this family had to graduate on time. What will I ever do with you more than 30 minutes away from me? I will join you in the real world next year, making up for lost time. You're the next contestant on SUCKERS! Well we won and that was truly God's doing. Look at how far we came and you carried me through, thanks! I educated you these 4 years for the most part. I taught you about good music (DAVE), good friends, and how to say this is really what we want. I will never go hungry when the jellybeans are near but you'll have to find something for yourself cause they are MINE! I will always be the PRINCESS!

You know where your answers are and the Lord our God will always carry you where you need to be and always home to those who truly and dearly love you!

Remember that as you enter the Marine Corps a 2nd Lt., you were first commissioned by our God, i the great commission in Matthew 28:16-20. You are always a warrior for Christ.

If a mountain follows a shooting star into the sea if a stranger leads you down another road let it be my voice that warms you in the night. Silly prays on my wings to you so dance around the sun until I take my weakest breath. In all that I embrace watch over me surround my face with love. Is it any wonder that I shine when I'm around you bend the light that only you can see.

From one hill it was a good time and we were truly blessed. Looking forward to our hills! Well Lt. You made it on time and I will join you in the fall of 2000. All my love you're the best and I am thankful everyday [illegible] in my life and know I will always be proud of you

Dear Jeff,

Congratulations on your graduation. You set your sights high when you decided to go to VMI. You worked hard and endured all of the obstacles set in you path, so that you could get to this day. We are all so proud of you.

Best wishes for a healthy and
Happy future,
Love from, Mom, Dad, Bruce,
Ryan & Grandma

Cadet Michael Needle,

CONGRATULATIONS on your successful Rat year!

Love, Mom & Dad

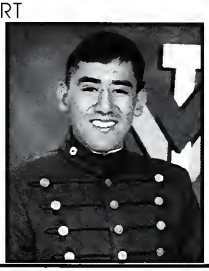
CONGRATULATIONS ALE
& THE CLASS OF 1999

THROUGH THE YEARS YOU HAVE SHOWN US THAT YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING YOU SET YOUR MIND TO. CONTINUE REACHING FOR THE STARS AND REMEMBER THAT GOD IS ALWAYS WITH YOU. THANK YOU FOR MAKING US SO HAPPY AND **PROUD**.

MOM & DAD

THERE ARE ALWAYS TWO CHOICES, TWO PATHS TO TAKE, ONE IS EASY AND ITS ONLY REWARD IS THAT IT IS EASY. (SOURCE UNKNOWN)
YOU CHOSE TO TAKE THE HARDER PATH
AND THAT PATH WAS **VMI**
NOW LOOK AT ALL THAT YOU HAVE BECOME
YOU ARE A GREAT MAN IN MY EYES.

LOVE ALWAYS,
SQUIRT



CONGRATULATIONS!!!
ERIC "G.I. JOE" ROED '99

We are truly proud of all
that you have accomplished.

Love,
Kathy, Dad, Neil,
& Grandma

Cadet Mark Nemeth

The credit belongs to the man in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows the triumph of high achievement; and, who at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those odd and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat. - Teddy Roosevelt

Congratulations on your victories this year!

Dad & Mom

Mike Zanetti
class of 2002
Congratulations Mike....

As usual, your hard work, determination and perserverance has paid off!!!

Good Luck "Bayonetti"

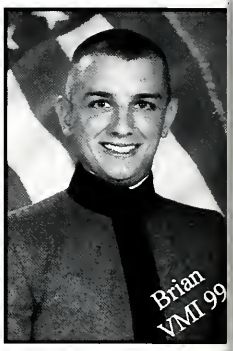
Love,
Mom & Dad

To Cadet Cliff Flournoy,
Congratulations on your graduation.
Thanks for being a great dyke and friend.
May God be with you in your Navy Career.
With fondest Rat year memories,
Cadet David Rossi

Sincerely,
Phil & Olivia Rossii

Congratulations Brian!
No longer a mass
But a class!
Here's to you
and 2002!

We Love You!
Mom, Dad, Grandma
Amy & Andrew



Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet... Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved.

Helen Keller

You've had quite a character-building year, Quad and we are all so very proud of you and all you have accomplished! We love you.

Always,
Mom, and

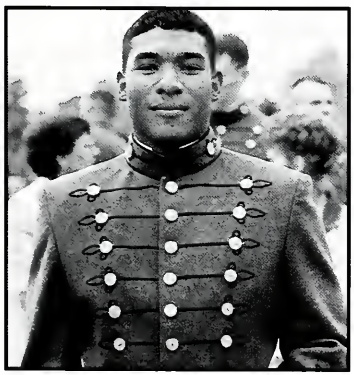
Jonathan Patrick McMahon
You have survived-
Pets, Sisters, Bees, Trolls and
The Total VMI experience

Watch out world!
Congratulations
Love always,
Mom and Dad

Michael Joseph Condon
VMI 1999
EE
Hail to Big Red
Your time here is through
A bright future ahead
And no tuition is due
With love and much pride
Dad, Mom, and Stephanie

"Congratulations"
Cadet Edward A. Pearson, II

Football '96-97



Baseball '96-2000

"We are so proud of you-The Man!"
Your Parents- Lt. Col. Edward A. Pearson Sr.
& Amelia M. Pearson & Sister Joi & Christina

WE KNEW YOU COULD DO IT!

Con"grad"ulations!

We Love You -
Mom, Clayton, Elise, Kat, Linda, Allen, Chris, Brandon, Buffy, Judson, Rusty, Carol, Bear and Betty.

Congratulations to
Cadet Christopher E. Forbes
and his Brother Rats

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To Gordy
Congratulations

You have accomplished what very few would even attempt. In the words of W.E.B. Dubois-For a man "to attain his place in the world, he must be himself and not another". This is what you have done and we are very, very proud of you.

-Love-

Mom, Rodry, Dad, B.G., Patrice, Rashida, Aunt Nita, Aunt Grace, Aunt Brenda, Uncle Teddy, Uncle Jessie, Aunt Freddie, Pee-Pee, Mike, Craig, and all the rest!!

Congratulations to the "CLASS OF '99"

Dear Son,

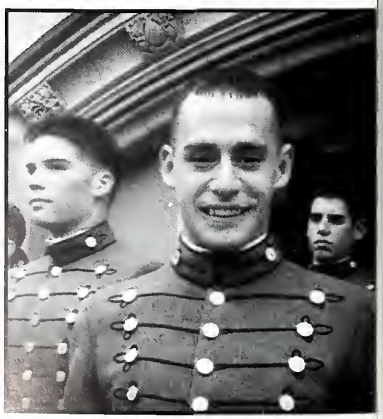
You have proven your Grandmother "right". She always said you would make it! Your father and I are so proud of you we can not express it in words.

If you remember these two things you won't go wrong:

"The past is History
The future is a mystery
and now is a gift
That's why they call it the Present"

Love

"The Road is [illegible] under [illegible]



"It's Never Happened Before"

Congratulations Andy

VMI 1999

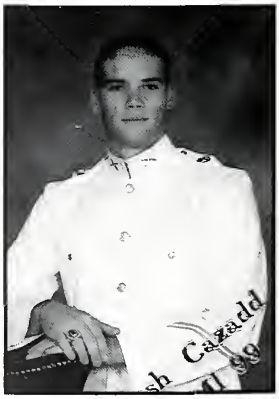
Mom, Dad, Joanna, Patrick,

Grandmama and Granddaddy

He is a Winner
Who perseveres!

From Dreams
- To Reality

From Defeat
- Thru Grief



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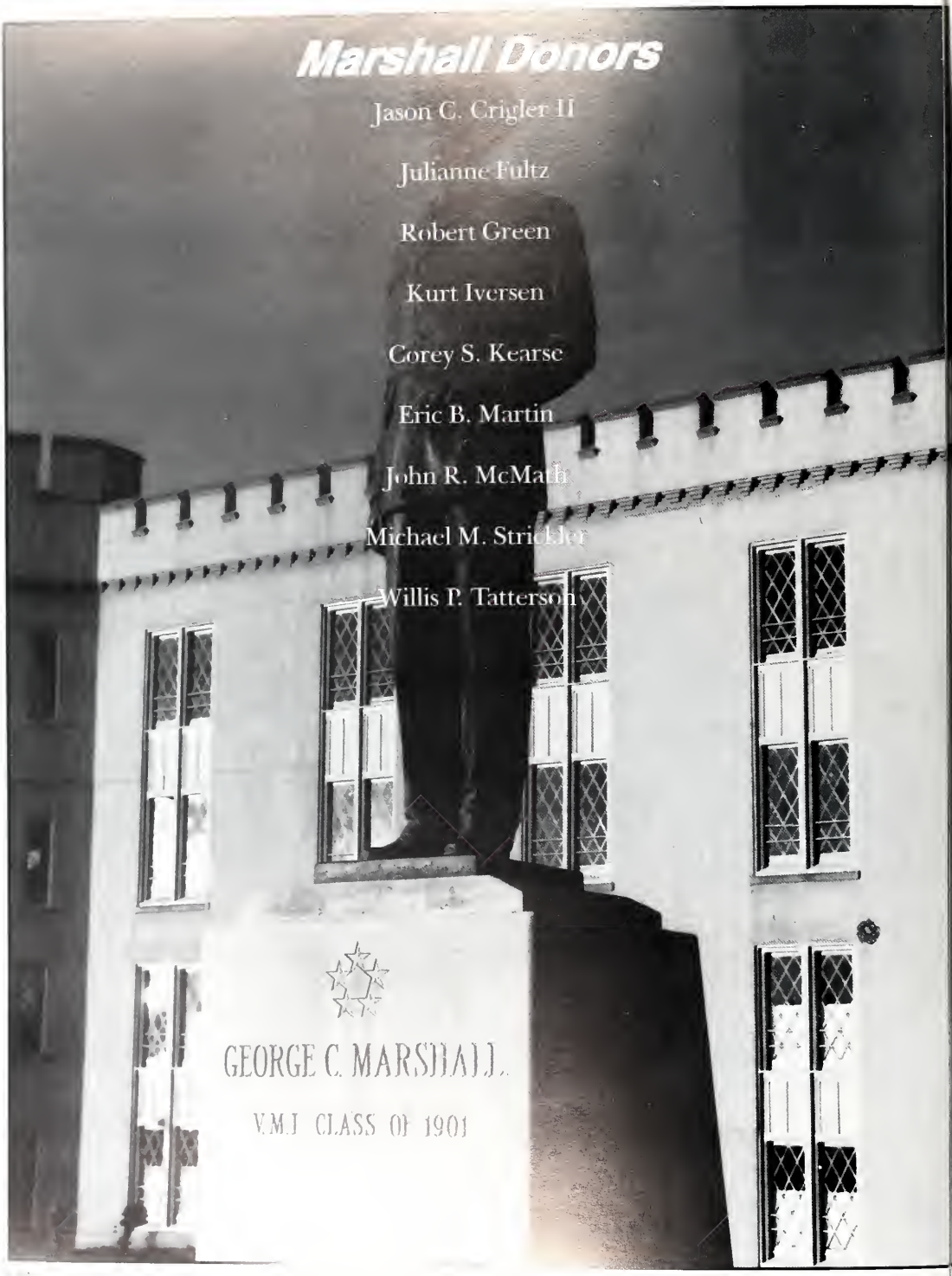

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It's ~~His~~ Your History

The Memory of the Institute

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and

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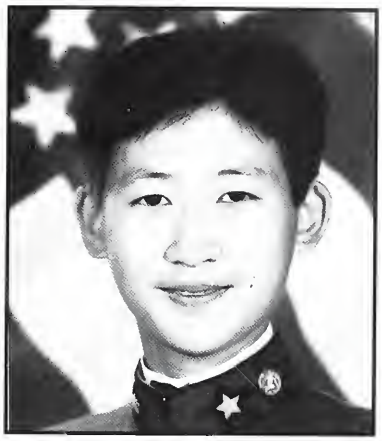
Congratulations
Cadet Chih-Yuan Ho
Class 2001



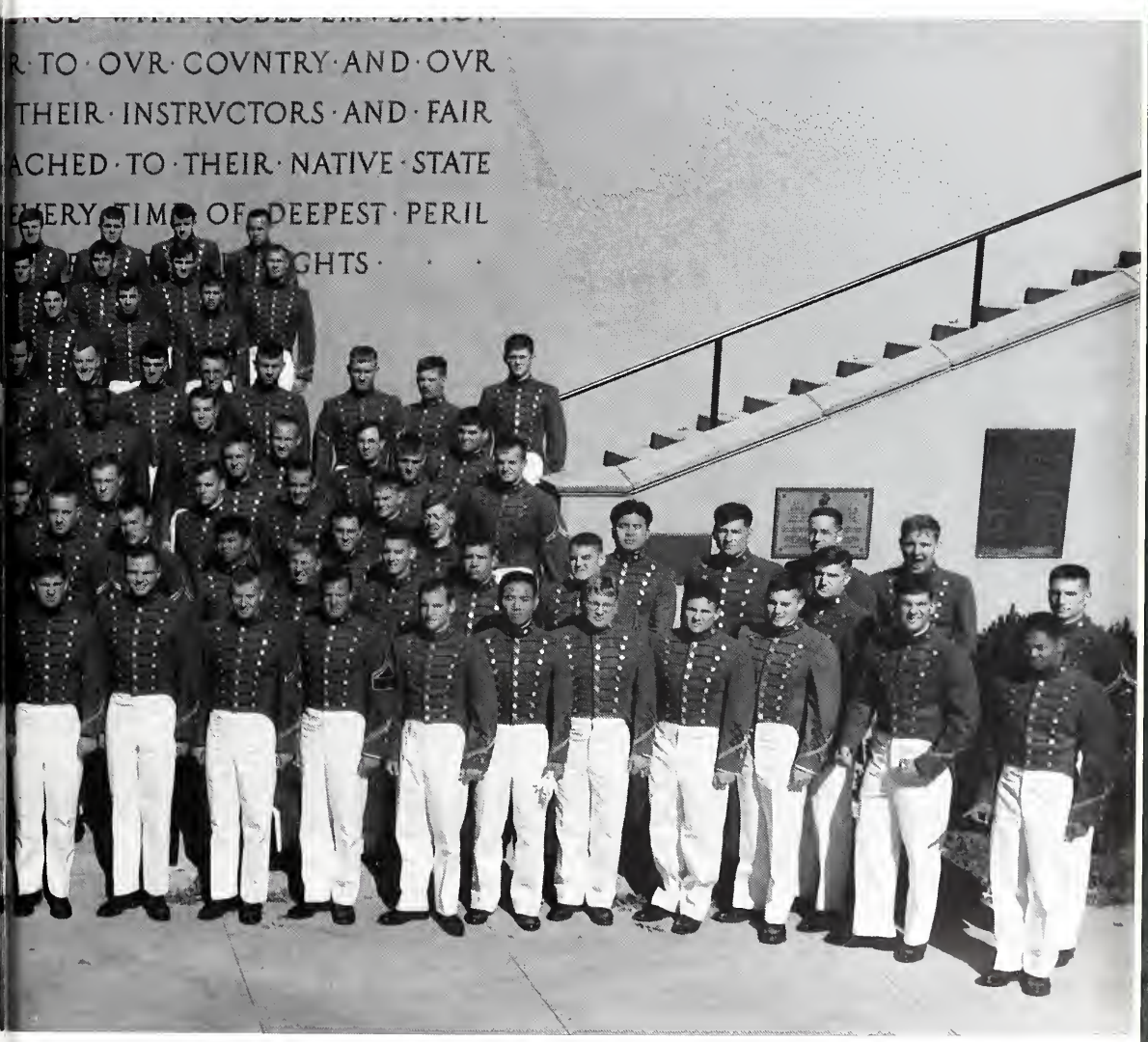
Moving Always Reaches The End.
Doing Always Makes Success.
Love, Grand Pa & Ma

Your Future is boundless and your parents are always behind you!
Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations!
I am very proud of you!
Love, Chih-Hsing.

CONGRATULATIONS T

THE CLASS OF 1999



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GRADUATION

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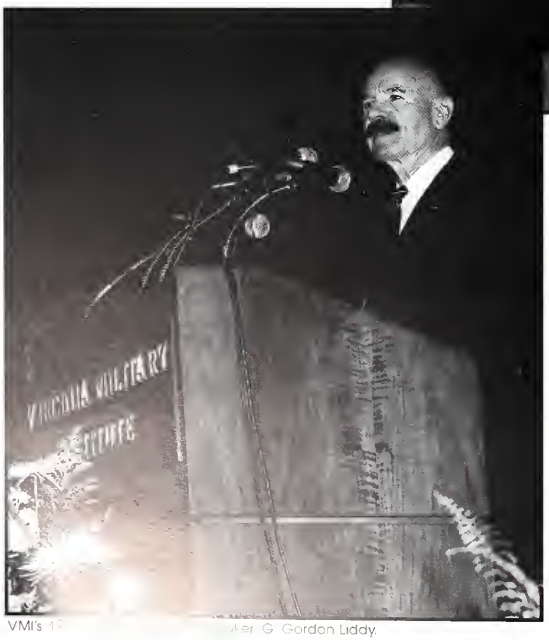
General Bunting gives his remarks at the commencment.



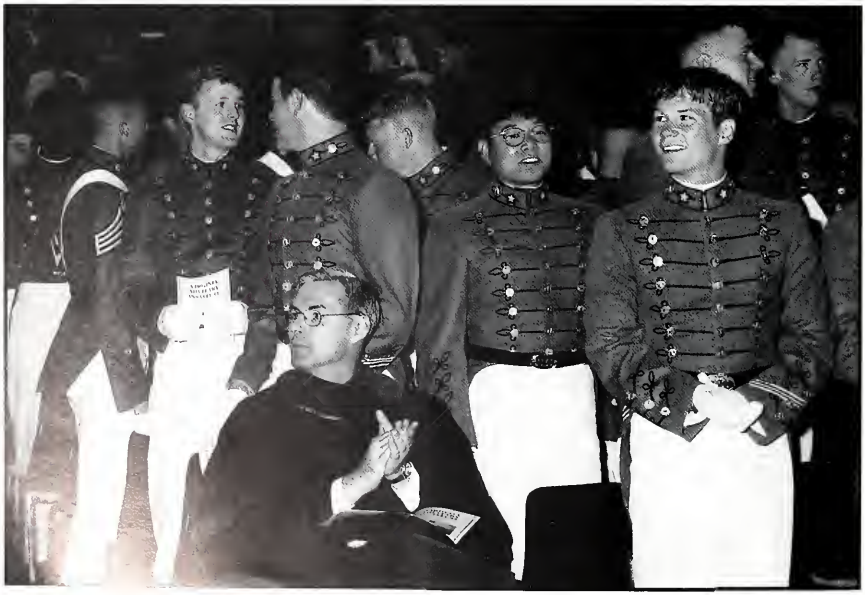
VMI's 1[illegible] [illegible]ker G. Gordon Liddy.

Bruce Gattwald '54, presents J. Wescatt Batt '99 with the Cinncinatus medal.

Melissa Grahm '99 recieves her VMI diplama

Colonel Walter Chalkley U.S. Army, VMI '72, recieves a special recognition award for service rendered

Colonel Balaz recieves recognition of her retirement.



Ben Kincaid '99 gives his valedictory address

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A special thanks goes out to the whole BOMB staff. You all did a great job and I would not have been able to get it done without you. Your cooperation and timeless effort have made working with you fun. Thanks for all the hard work, time and effort.

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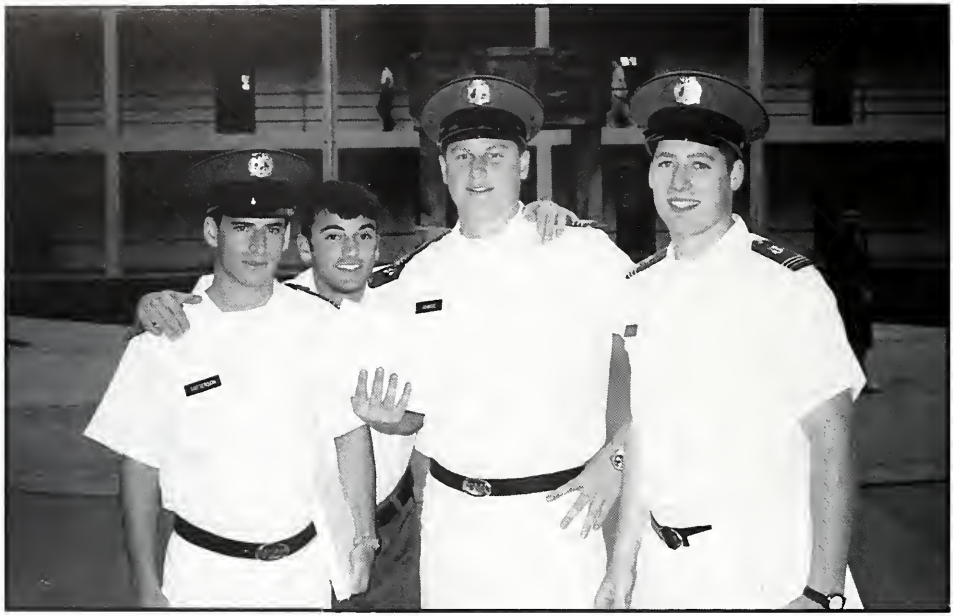

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